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## Dodging Serbia's mortars on the road to Vukovar

THE drive down Frankopanska street between Vinkovci and Nustar is only to be recommended at high speed, with the option of a swift bailing out of the moving car into the nearest ditch in mind.

The bubble of mortar fire in the fields around was distant like background music. But suddenly the thud was close, 100 yards away perhaps. Closer examination of the circumstances was impossible lying face down in the nettles with a hefty fellow passenger sprawled on top.

The mortar plunked down on the other side of the narrow road, some 10 yards



On the day the latest Yugoslav ceasefire was agreed, Anne McElvoy found herself under fire

away. Apart from the dispatcher of the unfriendly welcome concealed in one of the bombed outhouses, Nustar, the last village in Croatian hands before the besieged town of Vukovar, was deserted.

Yesterday even the Croat guardsmen had pulled back from here to Vinkovci. "Too much Cbetrniks", said Branco Dulo, sitting in the cafe of the Hotel Slavonia,

cup of coffee in one hand and rifle in the other. Like every other hostelry for miles around, the hotel has been converted into a canteen of the Croat national guard. A large rocket whistled past the door and crashed into some buildings with a sickening crack. The assembled company ambled over and peered out of the door as if they were checking that a squall of rain had

passed. After a brief lull, the army has once again turned its attention to Vinkovci over the past days.

The Croats are anxious to keep the town as a base from which they hope to enter Vukovar and end the siege, although they admit that they are too weak to do it with only the men they have now. "They have been promising us special troops from Zagreb. Then we storm Vukovar," said Branco hopefully. But there is no sign of relief yet.

Nustar has been devastated by the relentless shell and mortar attacks of the past week. Of the low houses, painted in pretty



pastels, only wrecks remain. Their owners have fled. When they come back, if they ever do, they will find a large pile of rubble where their village once stood.

The Jack Daniels Cafe, which held out as the last post of hospitality until last

weekend, has finally submitted to the inevitable and closed. The discotheque optimistically called "Why Not?", has simply fallen down. With the army bombarding Vukovar and its environs with renewed intensity, the battle for Slavonia is entering a new and fierce phase with both sides taking advantage of the last of the summer weather.

This is the triangle of land between Osijek, Vukovar and Vinkovci where the rhythm of life is dominated by the fighting which starts at lunchtime and gathers force as night descends.

The Croat guards here fear that a big advance by the

army is in the offing. A senior officer said that he expected an attempt to cut off Osijek by advancing troops from Serb-held Tenje through Vinkovci - already surrounded on three sides and looking highly vulnerable - along the Vuka river. These forces could then be joined by Serb irregulars descending from the Baranja region and the mountains.

This would give the alliance of Serbs and federal forces control over the heart of Slavonia, the chief prize hankered after by Serbia. The officer said he feared

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## Date set for Arab-Israeli conference

# Shamir agrees to attend peace talks in Madrid

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND PETER STOTHARD IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENTS Bush and Gorbachev will open an historic Middle East peace conference in Madrid on October 30, bringing Israel, neighbouring Arab states and Palestinians face-to-face for talks aimed at ending 43 years of conflict.

The American and Soviet leaders will hold separate negotiations on arms control and economic aid issues. They are not expected to take part directly in the conference.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, has spent seven months in intense shut-

tle diplomacy aimed at bringing the Middle East enemies to the negotiating table. Yesterday in Jerusalem, he and his Soviet counterpart, Boris Pankin, sealed one of the most astounding achievements in modern diplomacy by issuing the invitations to the talks.

"This invitation offers the peoples in this region a pathway to ending an era of confrontation and it offers a basis for a new future," Mr Baker said, but he added a note of caution: "The road to peace will be extremely difficult, with many problems, many hitches and probably many interruptions."

The breakthrough in his

torious series of missions to the region came early yesterday when Palestinian leaders showed him a list of proposed delegates who would be acceptable to Israel, because they do not belong to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and they live in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza. The Palestinian concession to Israel demands was seen as a dramatic climbdown by a people being offered only autonomy at the peace conference rather than the statehood it has always demanded.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, displaying only grudging approval of the planned dialogue, said later that he would recommend acceptance of the invitation when his cabinet meets tomorrow. "We are willing to take the risks to show that Israel wants peace. Without negotiations we will never have the chance to reach peace," Mr Shamir said after meeting Mr Pankin, who announced that the Soviet Union was restoring full diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Israeli leader is likely to be supported by most of his cabinet colleagues, but will certainly face a revolt from extremist members in his coalition government. Ariel Sharon, the former defence minister who is now minister of housing, said the talks were doomed to failure.

At a press conference in Oxford yesterday, he said: "I am in favour of the peace process but afraid that because of the way Israel has been dragged by an international tribunal it will bring war."

Assuming the conference goes ahead as scheduled, America and the Soviet Union will convene the opening session attended by Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, with the UN and EC acting as observers.

After the two-day preliminary meeting, when each delegation will read an opening address, the conference will break into bilateral talks. The two sides are then expected to negotiate over the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day war.

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Premier stand: John Major and his Australian counterpart Bob Hawke retire after opening the batting in a charity cricket match in Harare yesterday

## Cricket finds a Major force

FROM SAM KILEY IN HARARE

JOHN Major says he has not played cricket since 1966 when living in northern Nigeria. He scored 77 for a scratch side before a plane landed at square leg, bringing play to an unscheduled close. Four days later he was in a car accident which damaged his left knee - an injury which made him limp between the wickets when he returned with a bat in Harare yesterday for a Commonwealth leaders' charity match.

But he warmed up in the nets with his press secretary Gus O'Donnell, and promptly stopped the ball straight over the heads of about 50 on-lookers at the Harare Sports Club cricket ground, Zimbabwe's equivalent of Lords. "That means I'll keep the job," muttered Mr O'Donnell.

The match included the former West Indies skipper, Clive Lloyd, and the Australian prime minister, Bob Hawke. He opened with Mr Major, who hit a boundary for four and another single during his allotted five overs.

Posting for the television cameras in full cricket gear might have been ensured good coverage back home in an election year. To have risked being hit on the nose by a rising delivery showed political confidence verging on the insane.

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## Nuclear monitor supplied Iraqis

BY JAMIE DETTMER AND ALAN GEORGE

EUROPE'S nuclear watchdog and nine British firms are on the secret UN list of organisations that supplied Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programme.

The companies include the Wellcome Foundation, three Midlands machine-tool makers and engineering firms, and a crane maker. They have all been asked by the Department of Trade and Industry to give details of their Iraqi dealings.

The preliminary list was drawn up by United Nations inspectors responsible for identifying Iraq's facilities for developing weapons of mass destruction. Whitehall sources emphasised, however, that the inspectors had noted just about every name they saw at military sites or on documents. They had made no technical judgments. "It is up to us to investigate what they found," an official said.

The list, handed to the department on October 4, does not include any firms mentioned in documents seized by UN inspectors who were held in the Iraqi Atomic Energy Agency's car park for four days last month.

The inclusion of Luxembourg-based Euratom, which has been linked with Iraq's Tuwaitha nuclear research facility, has caused consid-

erable surprise. David Ennals of Euratom said last night: "We do get involved in drawing up supply contracts. I am surprised, though, that we are on the list. Without further details, I can't comment."

Euratom was set up in 1957 to monitor the movement and export of uranium and plutonium from nuclear facilities in Europe to reactors and research stations elsewhere in the world. Three years ago it was at the centre of allegations in the German press that it had been undermining American and Soviet restrictions on the import of uranium from South Africa.

Several of the British companies named have previously been linked with Baghdad, either through the Customs "supergun" investigation last year or in evidence to the Commons trade and industry select committee this year.

Two, however, have not been linked in the past with Iraq: the Wellcome Foundation and the Loughborough crane maker, Davy Morris.

Wellcome, which appears in the chemical weapons section of the list, is said to have supplied insecticide. Martin Sherwood, the company's head of information, said UN

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## TV group records £4m loss

HTV Group, the Welsh television contractor that was one of the successful bidders for the next round of TV franchises, lost £4.84 million before tax in the six months to the end of June and will not make a profit this year.

The shares of HTV and several other franchise-holders have fallen since the results of their applications were known amid fears that they have had to pay too much to keep their licences.

HTV, which will have to pay the government £22.5 million a year for its licence after 1992, insists it can make a "substantial profit" from 1993 onwards because of cost savings and job cuts already carried out.

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## Judge puts parent choice over racism

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS may demand that a child is transferred to another school even if their request is motivated by racism, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

In a judgment that brought immediate criticism from race relations bodies and local authorities, Mr Justice Macpherson said that parliament had intended parental choice to be "supreme" in the selection of schools. Legislation on racial discrimination could not take precedence.

The case concerned a mother's request for her five-year-old daughter to be transferred from a Middlesbrough school where 60 per cent of the pupils were Asian to one where 98 per cent were white. The Commission for Racial Equality argued that Cleveland county council had acted

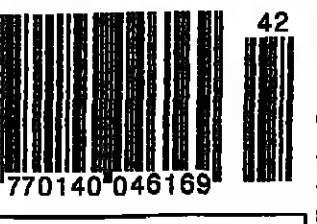
unlawfully in reluctantly agreeing to the transfer.

Jenny Carney made the request after her daughter Katrina came home from Abingdon Road primary school singing a refrain from *One potato, two potatoes* in Hindi. She has always maintained that she was not motivated by racism, but wanted her daughter to concentrate on learning her own language.

The judge accepted that Mrs Carney had no racist motive, but added that the council would have been obliged to agree to her request in any case. The commission said that it would consider an appeal and Cleveland and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities are to press for changes in the law.

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## French diver finds prehistoric art gallery

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A FRENCH professional diver has discovered wall paintings and engravings in a underwater grotto that are believed to date back at least to ten thousand years before the birth of Christ. The archaeological significance of Henri Cosquer's find beneath a creek near Cassis, in the south of France, is being compared to that of the Lascaux caves in the Dordogne.

Although M Cosquer first came across the grotto and its prehistoric art during a dive last summer, the discovery was kept secret until a team of specialists had completed a preliminary assessment.



Old master: a red and black bull in the Lascaux caves. Breaking the news in public yesterday, Jack Lang, the French culture minister, said that the cave is to bear Henri Cosquer's name and has now been classified as a historical monument. It lies just above water level at the far end of a 150metres deep sunken gallery that can only be entered

through a narrow gap some 37metres below the surface of the sea. The cave itself is about 4metres high. At the time the paintings were done, scientists estimate the sea level was probably 120metres lower than it is today, allowing access from dry land.

The charcoal and manganese sketches within it depict animals, especially bison, and scenes from the everyday life of the artists. Their excellent state of preservation is explained by currents of fresh air that reach the grotto through fissures in the rocks above it. The mummified remains of some mice were also discovered there, apparently dating from the same

era. In the view of Professor Robert Chenrrien, a specialist in prehistoric studies at the University of Aix-en-Provence, the paintings probably date from the end of the Upper Palaeolithic era. "They could be even more than 10,000 years old," he said.

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# Police charity rejects Libyan 'blood money' for killing of WPC



WPC Fletcher: victim of Libya shooting

By STEWART TENDLER  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL police charity has decided to refuse a cheque for £250,000 offered by Libya as atonement for the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in London seven years ago because the country has supported such groups as the IRA.

A cheque from the Libyan Police Syndicate, said to represent the country's police officers, was offered to the Police Dependents' Trust in June after Sir Teddy Taylor, the Conservative MP for Southend East, returned from a visit to Tripoli. At the time there

was widespread anger at what was seen as a cynical attempt by Colonel Gaddafi to restore relations with Britain.

Diplomatic relations were broken off after WPC Fletcher, aged 25, died in April 1984 at the hands of a gunman firing from the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square, off Pall Mall, as she policed a demonstration in April. Thirty officials claiming diplomatic status were expelled from Britain.

Yesterday, after four months' deliberation, the dependents' trustees, led by Sir Clive Whitmore, the permanent under

secretary at the Home Office, said a formal approach would be made to the Charity Commissioners to absolve the trustees from taking the money. In a statement the trust, whose board includes Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, and leaders of police professional organisations, said under charity law the trustees had to give priority to the financial interests of their charity and its beneficiaries.

This normally required them to accept unconditional gifts of money no matter the source, but the statement said: "The trustees have concluded they should not

accept the donation because of the Libyan authorities' record of support for terrorist organisations including the IRA who have been responsible for the deaths of British police officers."

According to the Charity Commissioners the trust has already asked informally for advice and can take whatever action it wishes. If the trust wants its action reviewed and blessed by the High Court, however, it must obtain approval from the commissioners.

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation and one of the trustees, said he fully endorsed

the action of the trust. Mike Bennett, spokesman for the Metropolitan Police Federation branch, said: "No amount of money could ever replace Yvonne and we think the decision to refuse the money is right. We were appalled that someone could offer money in an attempt to compensate for that dastardly act and are thankful that people cannot be bought."

George Foulkes, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, described the decision as honourable. "It's exactly the right course of action to take. All the circumstances surrounding the offer were so

murky that they could not have taken any other course."

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, said: "It's right that the police should reject this money. Without an apology and without the perpetrators being brought to justice, this is blood money which they can well do without."

Sir Teddy said he was "genuinely surprised" to hear of the decision. He was distressed about the time it took the trust to come to its decision. "I feel that the matter has been dealt with in such a discourteous manner that it's a little bit insulting," he said.

## MPs angry at Brussels roadworks stricture

### Tories try to avert damage over EC

By MICHAEL DYNES, MICHAEL MCCARTHY and RICHARD FORD

CONSERVATIVE MPs yesterday expressed outrage over the European Commission's attempt to halt disputed construction projects valued at £500 million, while the government moved to prevent the dispute from reopening dangerous divisions within the party over the EC.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, politely but firmly rebuffed the request from Carlo Ripa Di Meana, the environment commissioner, to stop work on the schemes - which include the extension of the M3 through Twyford Down, Hampshire, and the East Looe River Crossing, which will cut through Okeas wood, south-

east London - because they are allegedly in breach of EC environmental law. The request to stop, which accompanied the formal opening of legal proceedings against Britain, was personal and carries no legal force.

It was, however, enough to provoke outbursts about unacceptable interference from the Tory party's anti-European wing.

While the prime minister showed his concern by calling for the documents to be sent to him at the Commonwealth meeting in Harare, opponents of closer links with the EC seized on the letter as a portent of things to come.

Norman Tebbit, the former

party chairman, said it served as a preview of what life might be like in a fully united Europe. Other well-known Tory anti-Europeans, notably Sir Teddy Taylor and William Cash, joined the dispute, with Sir Teddy declaring that Brussels had gone mad. More worrying for ministers, however, was the anger of such influential figures as David Howell, chairman of the foreign affairs select committee, who called for the commission's powers to be curbed.

He said: "This reinforces the need for clearer definition and strict limits on the commission and its institutions. We need reform, not to make them more powerful but to place closer restriction on their power."

Mr Rifkind said Britain had informed the commission three years ago about how the Environmental Impacts Assessment directive was to be implemented in the UK, and no objections had been raised. "We are puzzled as to what has changed," he said. He would be giving the matter careful consideration, but declared that the schemes were urgently needed and the department would be continuing with the necessary advance works. When told that Signor Ripa Di Meana was seen by some as a white knight riding to the environment's rescue, Mr Rifkind retorted: "Knights sometimes fall off their horses."

A range of British environmental groups backed the commissioner. The Council for the Protection of Rural England said it was delighted with the commissioner's intervention, while the World Wide Fund for Nature welcomed the move over projects which it said were "set to destroy habitats of national wildlife value."

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Punctured ego: Brittany York, the only English model featured in Playboy's video Playmate calendar for 1992, found bicycle courier Gavin McDonald in a far from playful mood at the calendar's launch yesterday. Mr McDonald refused to leave the log where he was mending a puncture, despite the pleas of photographers

## Jaguar says 700 workers must go

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JAGUAR the car maker yesterday said it would have to make more than 700 workers redundant as sales continue to fall at home and abroad.

A further 600 workers were also made redundant yesterday from the Rover Group, which is cutting its workforce to cope with the drastic downturn in British sales.

Jaguar has already cut its 12,000 Coventry workforce by over 2,700 this year to combat a fall in sales of about 40 per cent. A call for 1,400 more volunteers to take redundancy or early retirement has failed. Only 720 came forward, forcing the company to consider making compulsory redundancies from November 1.

Executives yesterday outlined Jaguar's plight to union leaders, who accepted that the redundancies will follow an

extension of the deadline until the end of this month.

Jaguar said: "We have to make these cuts in line with the drop in our output as a result of the lack of sales in our key markets."

Output of luxury saloons and sports cars is expected to fall to about 25,000 this year, its lowest since 1982 and nearly 9,000 lower than in 1984, when the company was sold off from the old BL conglomerate.

Rover has cut its payroll by 4,000 this year, including 600 workers who left its main plants at Birmingham and Oxford yesterday. Its move reflects a slump in the car industry, from which there appears to be no relief in spite of government reassurances that the economy is picking up.

Figures from the Society of

Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that car production fell by more than 11 per cent in September. The fall, to 90,739 cars, down from 102,153 in the same month of last year, was only the second monthly drop this year due to the industry's outstanding exports performance.

Exports remain strong, with 48,337 cars built for overseas last month, a rise of 42.14 per cent. The car makers' struggle is at home, with little sign of relief. Sales in the first ten days of October were down by 28 per cent, with Ford, the traditional market leader, slipping behind Vauxhall for the first time. Vauxhall took a market share of 18.2 per cent compared with Ford's 17.7 per cent and 14 per cent for Rover.

Production tends to lag

behind sales, and the September decrease is seen in the industry as a sign that output for the home market will continue to be cut to the end of the year, possibly forcing more lay-offs and job losses.

Ford, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar and Rover are all seeking redundancies or short-time working in the last few months of this year.

Car production for the first nine months of the year is fractionally ahead of the same period of 1990, at 944,506 compared with 928,004, but output has been mainly supported by exports. They are up by 89.22 per cent at 452,198.

Difficulties remain in the commercial vehicle sector, where production for the first nine months is 27.85 per cent down on 1990 at 152,672. Exports are up 4.6 per cent.

## Haughey spared by 11th-hour deal

Charles Haughey, the embattled Irish prime minister, yesterday dismissed speculation about his future as premier and pledged to lead his government into the next election in two years' time (Edward Gorman writes).

Mr Haughey, the subject of intense rumours that he might shortly be asked to stand down from the position he has held for 12 years, was speaking after finally reaching agreement with his junior coalition partners on a new programme for government.

Fauna Füll and the Progressive Democrats had been negotiating a mid-term review for four months and only finalised a deal in the early hours of yesterday morning, staving off a possible defeat on a confidence motion in the Dáil in the afternoon. The government won by 84 votes to 81.

Dublin bookmakers were yesterday laying odds of 4-6 that Mr Haughey would be out of a job by Christmas.

## Two fined for Sea King crash

A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter that ditched and sank after hitting a ship's deck, setting during an attempt at a low-pass landing, was being flown by an officer not qualified to land, a court martial at Yeovilton, Somerset, was told yesterday.

Sub Lieutenant Richard Williams, aged 23, admitted flying at a height, speed and proximity to the ship likely to cause loss of life or bodily injury. He was fined £500 and severely reprimanded.

Helicopter captain Lieutenant Neal Cain, aged 26, had given his seat to a naval passenger, Cain, of 826 Squadron, Culdroe, admitted allowing Williams to be at the controls when he was not qualified to land the aircraft, and allowing him to fly close enough to hit the ship. He was fined £500 and dismissed from 826 Squadron. He will be given another posting.

## Tax warning

The new council tax could break down under the complexity of discount schemes for people on benefits or low incomes, David Major, president of the Institute of Revenue, Rating and Valuation, said yesterday. He told the annual conference in Bournemouth that councils would have to co-opt every home in their area to track down the 90,000 people the government expected to qualify for rebates.

## Communist wins

Jack Adams was elected yesterday as the deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He defeated Jack Dromey, who is married to Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman. On a 17.6 per cent poll, Mr Adams, a member of the Communist party, won 77,180 votes to 65,806 for Mr Dromey. Two other candidates polled a further 41,000 votes between them.

## Siege inquest

Derek Wallbanks, who was shot by police during a siege at Brunswick Village, Tyne and Wear, last Saturday, died from a single bullet wound in the chest, an inquest at Newcastle upon Tyne was told yesterday. The hearing was later adjourned. The Police Complaints Authority is supervising a Cumbria police enquiry into the shooting of Wallbanks, aged 40, of Consett, Co Durham.

## Murder charge

Police yesterday charged Leslie Bailey, aged 38, with the murder, together with persons unknown, of Mark Tildesley, the seven-year-old boy who vanished in 1984 after going to a funeral near his home at Wokingham, Berkshire.



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PORT**

From THE GREAT AGE of Port Drinking.

## Gyngell apologises for releasing letter

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRUCE Gyngell, chairman of TV-am, yesterday apologised for any embarrassment he has caused Margaret Thatcher by releasing what was meant as a private letter.

In a handwritten letter to Mr Gyngell, Mrs Thatcher accepted part of the blame for TV-am losing its licence. The apology issued by TV-am yesterday said: "Bruce sincerely apologises if he has upset Mrs Thatcher. However, he thought it was important to boost the morale of staff in the present circumstances."

Mrs Thatcher's remorse over the legislation, however, may have strengthened the resolve of the four losers now consulting lawyers about mounting a legal challenge. But it has not altered their chances of overturning the Independent Television Commission's decisions.

Yesterday the ITC was confident that none of its decisions could be reversed by long and costly legal battles now being considered by four of the losers, including TSW, Richard Branson's CPV-TV and Phil Redmond's North West Television.

"Area by area, decision by decision, we are absolutely 100 per cent confident that we will withstand judicial review. We have not made any perverse or unreasonable judgments," an ITC spokesman said.

"Our worry is that it would be disruptive and a waste of valuable time when time is of essence in ensuring the show gets on

the road in 14 months' time."

Most lawyers believe that the losers will have little problem in obtaining leave to apply for a judicial review from a High Court judge. They say, however, that it will be next to impossible win.

Even if they were able to prove that the ITC had



Gyngell: "Important to boost morale of staff"

acted unlawfully, unreasonably or outside its statutory remit, the most a judge could do would be to force the ITC to reconsider its decision.

Michael Ridley, a partner in the legal firm Denton Hall Burgin and Warrens, said judicial review would test only whether the ITC has followed the correct procedures and if not, directs the ITC through the procedure again. "It is highly unlikely that after such a careful process the ITC would go through it all again and make a different decision," he said.

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## Toy and decline

SALES of children's toys in Britain declined sharply last year against a background of recession and increasing juvenile sophistication, according to a firm market analysis.

From the age of ten, child

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## Oliver North's Tehran story

Before I left Washington, William Casey, the head of the CIA, had summoned me to his office, where he calmly handed me a strip of six white triangular pills sealed in a plastic wrapper.



Take these with you, he said. 'You may need them if things get bad.' It was right out of a spy novel.

Oliver North gives his own account of the mission to Tehran on the arms-for-hostages deal and reveals what President Reagan knew about Contragate? Exclusive tomorrow in The Sunday Times.



## Racism claim dismissed over mother's school move

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

IN A ruling with potentially serious implications for multi-racial education, the High Court yesterday upheld a mother's right to demand that her daughter be transferred from a school where 60 per cent of the pupils were Asian.

Mr Justice Macpherson ruled that Cleveland county council was not guilty of race discrimination in complying with a request to move a girl aged five. He said the Commission for Racial Equality had not established any unlawful conduct on the part of the education authority.

The authority had argued that it had no option but to approve the transfer in 1988 of Katrice Carney from Abingdon Road school, Middlesbrough, to a school two miles away where 98 per cent of the children were white. Its duty under the Education Act 1980 to comply with the wishes of Katrice's mother, Jenny, overrode the provisions of the 1976 Race Relations Act.

The commission claimed that the council, and then John MacGregor, as education secretary, had misinterpreted the law. Dismissing the commission's application, the judge said Parliament intended that parental preference should be "supreme" in this field.

He had no reason to doubt Mrs Carney's assertion that she had no objection to Asian people, and her request for Katrice to be moved had nothing to do with race. She was simply concerned that her daughter should learn to read, write and speak her own language before learning Hindi.

Mrs Carney became unhappy when Katrice, who has a half-African father, came

home singing a nursery rhyme, "One potato, two potato", in Hindi. In spite of her insistence that she had not acted out of racism, the case has been seen as setting a precedent for multi-racial schools.

Some campaigners have claimed that the case opened the way to educational apartheid, especially in areas with high concentrations of children from ethnic minorities.

The judge said, however, that he was confident his decision would not open the floodgates to transfer applications by parents on racial grounds but disguised as something else.

The commission said yesterday that it feared the judgment gave councils "the right to discriminate" and could lead to racial segregation of schools. Jean Coussins, director of the commission's social policy division, said: "We are seriously considering an appeal against this decision because we fear it may give parents not just the right to choose but local education authorities the right to discriminate." Education authorities would find themselves on a cleft stick she said.

Cleveland carried out the transfer reluctantly, and Ms Coussins said that other authorities would now find their equal opportunities policies undermined. "We believe that most parents don't want a system which gives rise to racial segregation in schools."

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities said: "We think the law needs to be changed now to make it unlawful for parents to express an opinion about their children's education which amounts to racism."



Court victors: Jenny Carney and daughter Katrice

## Toy and game sales decline sharply

By BILL FROST

SALES of children's toys and games to Britain declined sharply last year against a background of recession and increasing juvenile sophistication, according to a firm of market analysts.

From the age of ten, children

are increasingly attuned to the adult markets of fashion, recorded music and consumer electronics, a report by Euromonitor says.

Retail sales of toys and games in Britain totalled just under £930 million last year, having exceeded £1 billion in 1989. "In current terms, the market declined by 8 per cent in 1990, and in real terms by 17 per cent," Euromonitor said.

Euromonitor forecasts an overall decline of 8 per cent in the UK toy and games market this year, with the possibility of recovery in 1992. British parents spent an average of £90 on presents per child in 1989 - considerably less than parents in Sweden and Switzerland, who spent £160 and £150 respectively. The average Irish child was bought toys worth £40.

Teenage mutant hero turtles, electronic television games and Barbie dolls are popular among British children, but traditional board games, including Scrabble and Monopoly, and Lego sets remain clear favourites. Matchbox cars have retained their attraction, along with My Little Pony and Fisher-Price toys.

British parents are showing an increasing unwillingness to buy toys that pander to the aggression of little boys. Manufacturers are now addressing issues such as racism, sexism and militarism before launching a product line, according to the report.

In America, which traditionally leads the international market, militaristic toys and anglo-saxoo role-model dolls are already viewed unfavourably. Action Against War Toys, a pacifist pressure group, has successfully campaigned against replica water pistols, which must now be made in garish colours.



"Take these with you," he said. "You may need them if things get bad." It was right out of a spy novel.

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## Aberfan still pays the price of coal

By TIM JONES

IN a corner of Aberfan cemetery the flowers are always fresh and yesterday, after the rain, they danced in the sun. Behind them, like silent white sentinels, the arched headstones bear witness to one of the worst disasters in Britain.

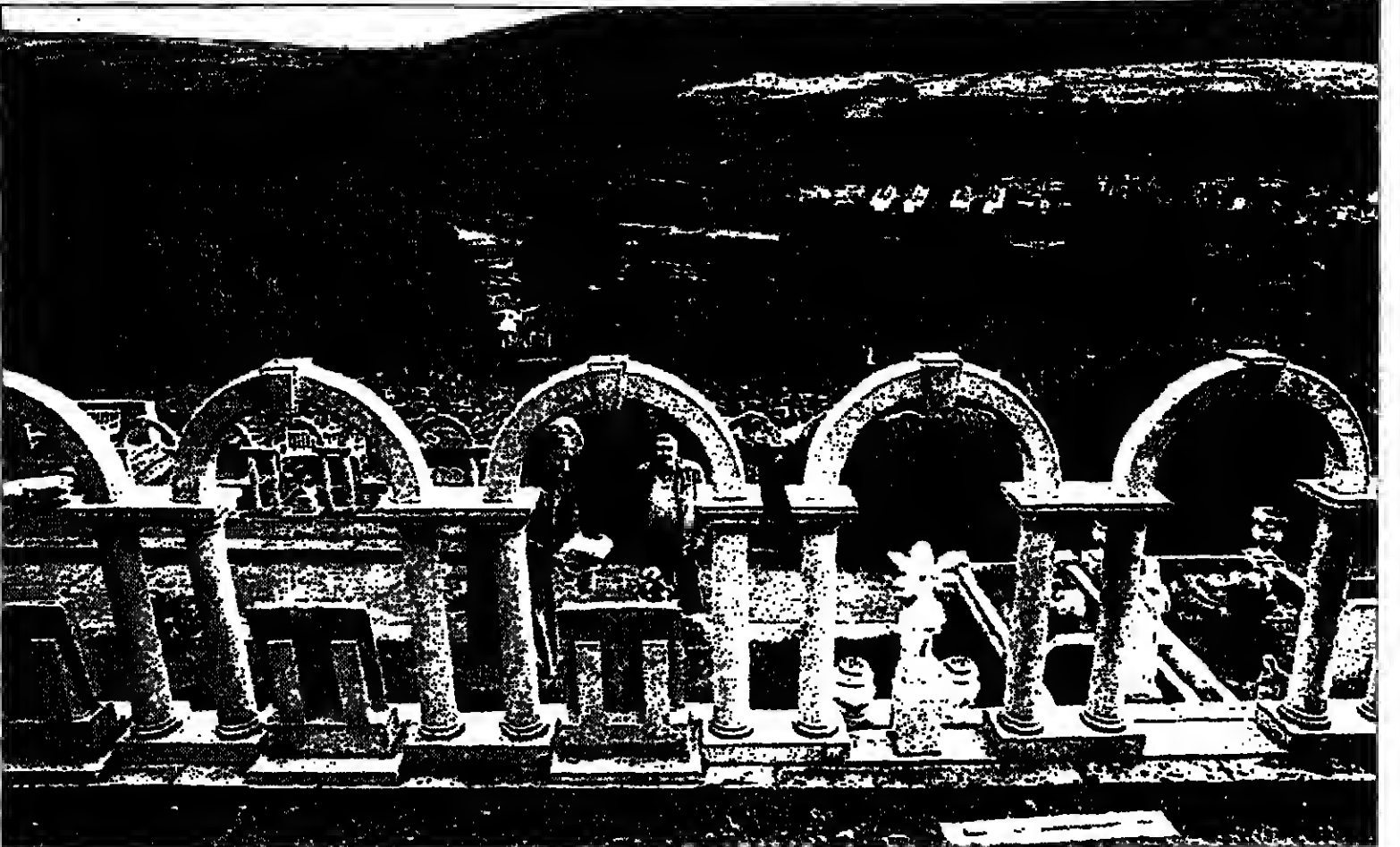
On Monday, as they have done on every October 21 for 25 years, the villagers will again gather to commemorate the awful day when the huge coal tip collapsed and devastated a Pant-glas primary school, killing 116 children and 28 adults.

Within hours, the name of Aberfan was flashed throughout the world as men and women, stripped of fear and oblivious to danger, tore at the clinging slurry with their bare hands.

South Wales had always known the price of coal and women lived in fear of hearing the colliery sirens signalling a disaster. But Aberfan was different. The little children were safe in school and, damn it, it should not have happened.

The scars have not healed nor will they. Some parents lost their faith in God while others have found strength through religion. The great glue which binds them together is their community spirit.

Some stories about that day are so awful they still make people shudder. On the morning of the disaster, a



Innocents lost: the arches of Aberfan cemetery overlook the valley as Phyllis and Gwynne Browns attend the grave of daughter Kay yesterday

little boy told his mother he was too ill to go to school. Disbelieving, she packed him on his way and her last memory is of him walking to school crying.

After 44 years down the mine, Bryn Carpenter is not the kind of man to cry. Yesterday, however, the tears welled in his eyes as he made it clear he could never forgive the National Coal Board for what had happened. By an awful paradox,

it was the waste from the Merthyr Vale colliery in which he worked that built up the number seven tip that killed his son Desmond, aged 10. What really hurts the majority of the parents of Aberfan is that they were forced to pay £150,000 towards the cost of clearing up the deadly tip from the £1.7 million that was donated worldwide.

"I will never forgive the coal board for that. The pain

will never go away, the anguish is forever. What comforts me and the other parents is that we are not alone."

A five-month enquiry headed by Lord Justice Edmund Davies ruled that the board was responsible for the disaster. Cyril Vaughan, a trustee of the disaster fund, said: "We just had to get rid of the tip. Every day it was there it cut deeper." On his table was a letter from a

woman in London, who had enclosed a cheque for £25. It said she had heard the news on the day her pregnancy had been confirmed. It said: "I raged against God but then I realised it had happened because of man's greed and incompetence."

In his surgery, Dr Arthur Jones still has to deal with the scars and trauma. He said: "At least 20 mothers and fathers are believed to have died prematurely since

the tragedy because of the strain and heartache."

On that black day 25 years ago, one little girl became a symbol of hope. The picture of Susan Robertson being carried from the carnage by PC Ernie Jones touched the world. Now married with two children, she said: "I would never leave Aberfan. It has always been our family home and a place where people understand and help each other."

## Blandford loses jail appeal

The Marquess of Blandford lost his appeal yesterday against a three-month jail sentence for driving while disqualified. He was sent back to Oxford jail, where he has spent the last 11 days cleaning showers and doing the laundry, with a warning that he could have been given an even greater penalty.

Judge John Slack, dismissing the appeal at Aylesbury crown court, Buckinghamshire, told the 35-year-old heir to the 11th Duke of Marlborough: "It is our view that the magistrates may well have been justified in imposing in total a greater sentence than they did in fact impose."

Blandford's appeal was against the two six-week jail sentences imposed by magistrates at Beaconsfield for two offences of driving while banned and offences of driving while disqualified.

Michael de Navarro, QC, for Blandford, told Judge Slack that his client had been chastened by his time in jail.

## Greenway to stand trial

Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, must stand trial at the Central Criminal Court on seven corruption charges, a magistrate decided yesterday.

The MP is alleged to have accepted gifts, including foreign holidays, in return for using parliamentary influence on behalf of Plasser Railway Machinery (GB) in connection with contracts with British Rail. Mr Greenway is also alleged to have lied on a British nationality application for Norbert Jursak, Plasser's managing director. Defence applications for dropping the case against Mr Greenway, Mr Jursak and two other men failed.

## Royal speeding

The Princess Royal yesterday had a 66mph ride in a powerboat on Windermere, England's largest lake, for which the Lake District planning board wants a 10mph limit. Powerboat enthusiasts said the Royal Yachting Association president's visit to their record speeds week supported their campaign against a ban.

## Radio reprimand

An Asian radio station in Bradford which failed to broadcast promised Afro-Caribbean music on four nights in June because its presenter failed to show up has been censured by the Radio Authority. Sunrise was fined £2,500 in March for replacing the music with Gulf war coverage in January.

## Short loses

Britain's top ranked chess grandmaster, Nigel Short, lost in the first round of the highly rated international tournament at Tilburg in The Netherlands to the Indian grandmaster, Viswanathan Anand.

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## Local Labour party fights imposition of moderate candidate

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party was divided yesterday by the leadership's imposition of a moderate candidate to fight the Hemsworth by-election in place of a close ally of Arthur Scargill.

Although Neil Kinnock sought to defend the rejection of Ken Capstick, a National Union of Mineworkers official, local party workers protested at the decision.

An NUM official accused the Labour leadership of an "obsessive vendetta" against miners and described its action as "creeping Stalinism". The Hemsworth constituency party demanded a new selection process that let Mr Capstick be reconsidered for the by-election caused by the death of George Buckley, who held the seat for Labour with a majority of 20,700.

After vetting all nine potential candidates, the leadership's "hit squad", led by Roy Hattersley, rejected Mr Capstick and presented the local party with a shortlist of four moderates. When the local party refused to endorse any of them, the squad imposed Derek Enright, a former Euro-MP, as its candidate.

During a visit to Manchester, Mr Kinnock said that the Labour national executive committee by-election panel "quite clearly" did not believe that Mr Capstick was the best candidate to fight the November 7 by-election.

"We have a system of by-election panels which has been completely

endorsed by the whole Labour party," Mr Kinnock said. "There was no pressure from me whatsoever. The panel came to their decision on a perfectly fair basis of prolonged interviews with the people nominated. It was not a stitch-up."

However, Frank Cave, the NUM Yorkshire area chairman, said: "We are appalled at the way our nominee, Ken Capstick, was prevented from even being considered by the constituency Labour party."

"There appears to be an obsessive vendetta in Hemsworth Road against the miners, their union and their leaders - and it is high time it ended. Yesterday's events are evidence of a creeping Stalinism within our own party, which must be reversed."

David Marshall, the constituency Labour party secretary, called for Mr Enright to resign and face reselection with Mr Capstick. The NEC panel's imposition of Mr Enright was "an insult to the Labour voters, party members and memory of George Buckley", he said.

Mr Marshall said: "The dictatorial attitude of the Labour leadership will make it harder for us to win the support of the traditional Labour voters to achieve what we all want - a Labour government. Derek Enright has very little support within the constituency and would not have won the position of candidate in the constituency. 'If Derek Enright believes in democratic socialism, then

his course of action must be to withdraw and force the NEC to reconsider the whole procedure. The NEC should draw up a shortlist including Derek Enright and Ken Capstick, who received broad support in the constituency."

Dennis Skinner, the left-wing Labour MP for Bolsover, told Yorkshire Television that it was due to "guilt by association" that Mr Capstick was blocked. He added: "The mining industry is under severe threats from the Tory government. I think it would have been proper for the party to have let a mining candidate remain."

Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday said that the dispute, and the appointment of Jack Adams, a communist, as deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, proved that Labour remained chained to the unions. "The mask of moderation in the Labour party keeps on slipping," he said.



Embracing politics: Laura Gregory, just two days' old and cradled in the arms of Neil Kinnock, becomes the unwitting conduit of the country's fiercest evidence to date that a general election is in the offing. The Labour leader, chatting yesterday with Laura's mother, Patricia, at Manchester's closure-threatened Withington hospital, refrained from kissing the child; that gesture, awaited by many as the starting pistol for the race to the hustings, could be argued to be the prerogative of the party in power. Yet

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## MPs out of line on women's issues

By PAUL WILKINSON

MPs are out of touch with women supporters, according to a survey carried out for BBC radio 4's *Women's Hour*.

Only 4 per cent of Tory MPs who responded said that new laws were needed to help women to receive equal treatment at work, but 48 per cent of women who planned to vote Conservative believed they were necessary.

Four out of five Tory MPs did not believe that measures were needed to increase numbers of women in the Commons, while two out of five of their women supporters did.

Labour MPs are also out of step. On abortion three-quarters of responding MPs believed present legislation was adequate, although only slightly more than a third of their women supporters agreed. A total 240 MPs responded to the survey.

There was party unanimity on the matter of caring. On nursery care three-quarters of all Tory MPs interviewed, 99 per cent of the Labour MPs and all Liberal Democrats said it should be available at a price parents could afford.

## Scots steelworkers enter by-election

By KERRY GILL

THE Labour party, which is widely tipped to win Langhaghaigh from the Conservatives in next month's by-election, was embarrassed last night by the disclosure that Scottish steelworkers will field a candidate in the Teesside constituency.

It is expected that Alan Raby, union convener at the Dalzell steel plate works in Strathclyde, will be chosen to fight the seat as a protest over British Steel's plan to build a new plate mill at Lackenby, on Teesside. The mill will replace the Dalzell plant with the loss of 500 jobs.

The steelworkers want to highlight their campaign to save Dalzell and demonstrate what they regard as Labour's hypocrisy in purporting to back Dalzell while calling for a replacement plate mill.

The challenge could deflect enough votes from Labour to stop it winning the seat, allowing a Tory victory in spite of the steelworkers' belief that government policy is responsible for the collapse of the Scottish steel industry. Labour needs a swing of only 1.7 per cent to overturn the Tory majority of 2,088. Mr Raby, aged 50, said that Labour was divided in its views over where a plate mill should be sited, which was one reason why the steelworkers were fielding a candidate.

The candidate will be able to claim television and radio coverage as well as the chance

to appear in any televised debates. David Clark, one of the Scottish trade unionists behind the candidature, said: "Until now we have had good coverage for our case in Scotland, but not in England. Our objective is not to get votes in this by-election but to win a broader audience to hear our claims."

Last night Ashok Kumar, the Labour candidate, who supports the Lackenby plan, said: "I will reserve judgment on what impact he will have on the by-election until next Wednesday when nominations close. However, the experience of the steel industry on Teesside has been as tough as that experienced in Scotland and I have sympathy with their case."

Steel industry shop stewards at Lackenby criticised the Scottish candidature and called on their members to support Dr Kumar. They said the move was inspired by the Scottish National Party, which wanted to embarrass Labour.

Michael Bates, the Tory candidate, said: "Labour has been caught out. Obviously they have said one thing on Teesside and another in Scotland. I'm sure this decision to field another candidate will prove embarrassing to Labour."

The SNP denied it was behind the by-election move.

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## Baker pledges action against race attacks

By JOHN WINDER

A CAMPAIGN against racial attacks in London was called for yesterday by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, speaking in the Commons.

Opening a debate on crime in London, Mr Baker said that he wanted to tackle the civil of racial attacks, over which he shared the abhorrence of Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police commissioner.

Sir Peter, who is directly answerable to Parliament for policing the capital, said that the present clear-up rate of 30 per cent of reported racial attacks left much room for improvement.

Last year in London, 2,908 incidents were reported, a rise of nearly 8 per cent on the previous year. There had been

291 arrests in connection with racial incidents last year.

A number of Metropolitan Police divisions, some with specialist units to deal with racial incidents, had joined local authorities in forming groups to tackle racial attacks. Mr Baker added: "It is not just a question of catching the criminals. They must be properly dealt with by the courts."

He said that the Metropolitan Police was recruiting more members of ethnic minority communities - a total of 928 this year alone.

Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, praised the force's work on recruiting from ethnic minorities and tackling racial attacks. He hoped that talks proposed by Sir Peter on race-related marches would continue in the hope that they such public demonstrations could be ended without an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties.

Mr Hattersley also called for the formation of an elected police authority.

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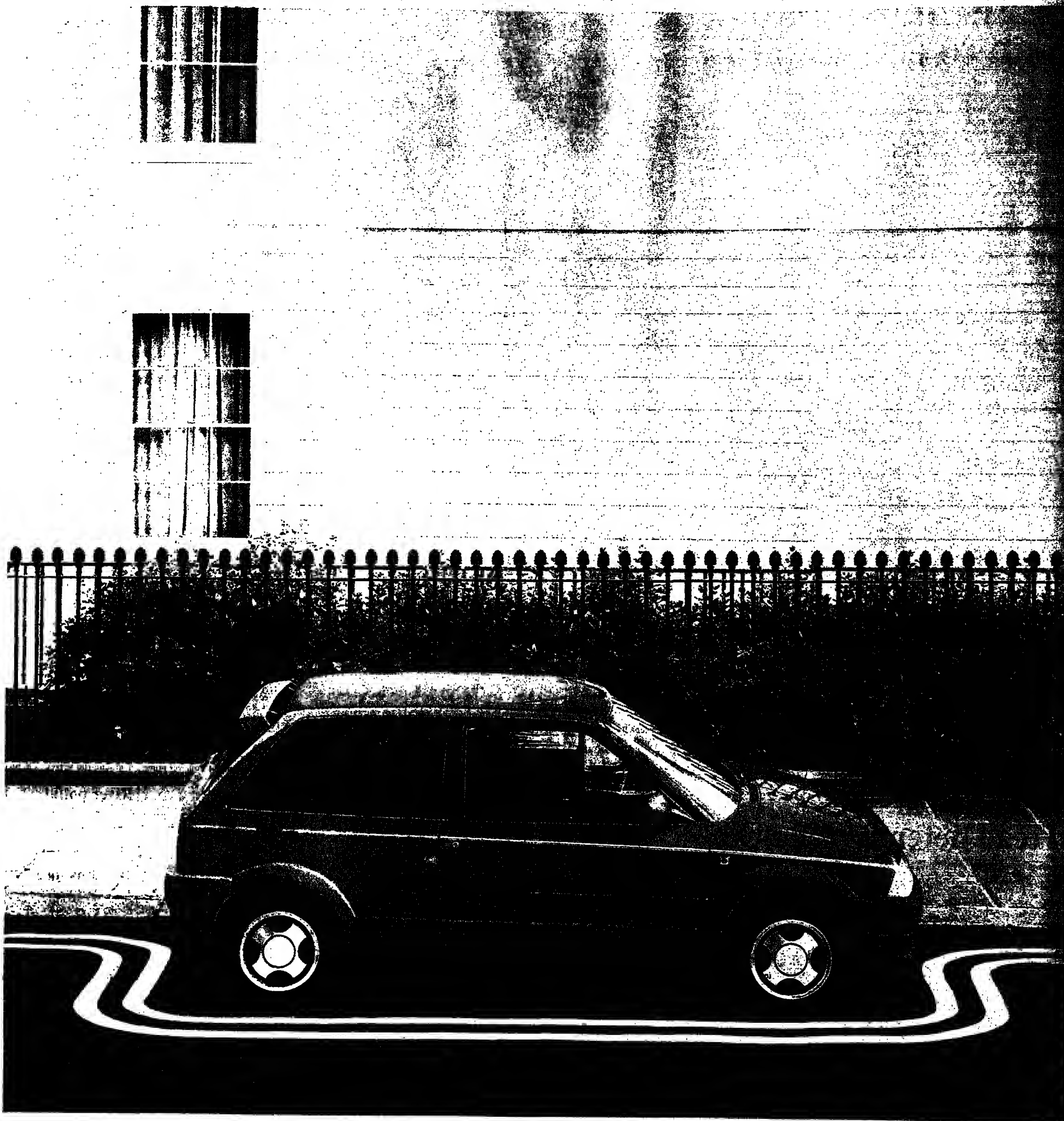
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## Wels OWE plan

By E...

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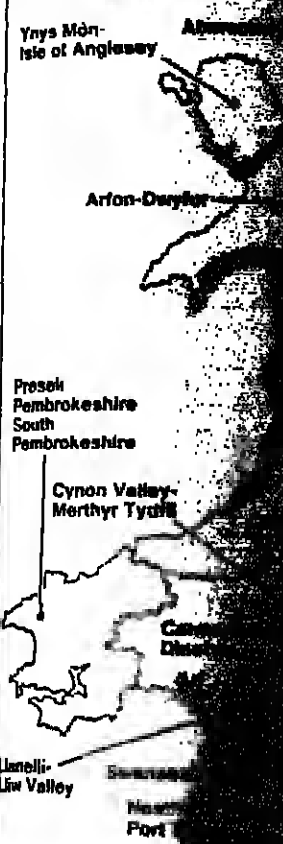
In an unprecedented move of unanimity, ten of the district councils in Wales have agreed to merge with their neighbours to create a single tier of purpose local authorities.

The plan, which has been endorsed by the Welsh Districts Association, is based on proposals for the merger of 20 authorities by David Davies, the Welsh secretary.

According to the plan, the councils will save taxpayers £1 million a year by reducing the number of authorities from 45 to 25.

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### WELSH DISTRICTS



## Head

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## Welsh districts offer own extinction in plan to end counties

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

WALES could become the first part of Britain to abolish county councils under a plan presented to ministers yesterday.

In an unprecedented display of unanimity, ten of the 37 district councils in the principality have agreed to merge with their neighbours to create a single tier of 27 all-purpose local authorities.

The plan, which has been endorsed by the Council of Welsh Districts, is close to the proposals for the creation of 20 authorities by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary.

According to the district councils, their plan would save taxpayers £1 million a week by reducing the number of authorities from 45 to 27.

By taking a co-operative stance the districts hope to persuade Mr Hunt to adopt their modified version of his plan rather than acquiesce to

the county councils' demand for a commission of enquiry. Mr Hunt is reluctant to appoint a commission although Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, has decided to appoint one to review local government in England.

Local government throughout mainland Britain is to be reorganised if the Conservatives win the next election. Ministers want a single tier of authorities.

At present only London and the metropolitan areas have unitary authorities but the government argues that the duplication is wasteful and confusing to local people. The English local government commission will be named before Christmas.

Although all eight Welsh counties would be abolished the district councils' plan would restore seven tra-

ditional county names to the municipal map of Wales. Meirionnydd, Montgomeryshire, Ceredigion, Radnorshire, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthen and Brecknock would all become unitary authorities in their own right. The plan would also create unified authorities covering Anglesey (Ynys Môn), Arfon and Dwyfor, Aberconwy and Colwyn and the Vale of Clwyd, and restore county borough status to Cardiff, Swansea and Newport.

Three districts, Port Talbot, Cynon Valley and Rhymney Valley, voted against the plan.

David Thomas, chairman of the Welsh districts, said: "We know our communities better than the Welsh Office does and we believe that our proposals will provide the best local government for the people of Wales."

"Our community-based unitary authorities will provide more effective, more responsive and higher quality services. We hope David Hunt will share our vision."

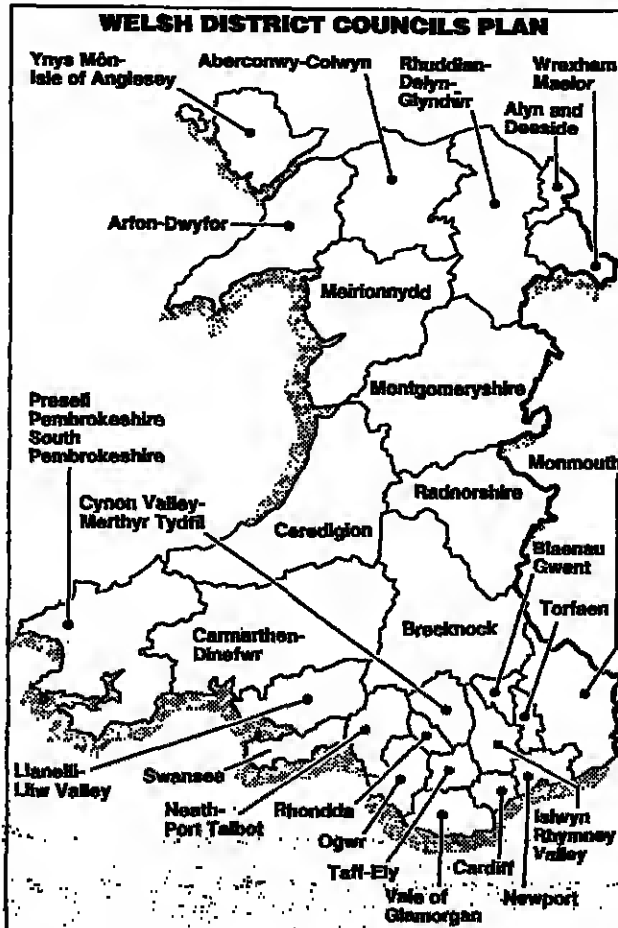
A spokesman for Mr Hunt said that he could not comment on individual proposals. The closing date for submission on the future of local government in Wales is October 31.

In Wales many of the county councils created when local government was last reorganised in 1974 were given new names and covered much larger areas.

Unlike their English counterparts, who have found it hard to argue for the retention of artificial creations like Avon and Humberside, the Assembly of Welsh Counties has sought to emphasise their strengths.

Dr William George, leader of Gwynedd and chairman of the assembly, said: "This government has always been dedicated to cost-efficiency and yet the Welsh counties have demonstrated the benefits of the economies of scale."

He said the districts' plans only emphasised "the need to examine the structure of local government in Wales much more carefully than the government proposes".



### City technology college under fire

## Head defends 'remarkable' record

By CRAIG SETON

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cation spokesman, has said that the inspectors' report was an embarrassment for the government. His party is pledged to scrap the CTC programme.

Mrs Bragg said that if the report had been wholly uncritical, the school would have faced claims that it had done well because it was lavishly funded by the government and industrial sponsors and creamed off the brightest pupils.

Kingshurst's catchment area in north Solihull and east Birmingham covers a large overspill council housing estate. Mrs Bragg said that the school had more than a fair share of pupils whose parents were unemployed or in unskilled jobs or were single parents. She said: "We have raised their expectations and their aspirations. What we have achieved is remarkable. These children come from working-class backgrounds

and most of their parents left school at 16."

Mrs Bragg said that Kingshurst, as the first CTC, established in 1988, was in an educational goldfish bowl. She had still to meet the heads of state comprehensive schools in the area, and added: "I do feel isolated. When I was first appointed, I felt isolated because nobody would speak to me and I lost some of my friends in education. There is a lot of sour grapes and jealousy. The only heads who talk to us are heads of independent schools from across the country."

The inspectors visited the college in May at its invitation. They reported that standards in foreign languages and in craft and design aspects of technology were "less than satisfactory overall".

Mrs Bragg said that the report was tremendous. It had described the 1,000-pupil school as popular, innovative and largely successful. She said it also proved that Kingshurst was not creaming off the brightest students from the area and dealt with children of all abilities. All areas of criticism had been dealt with.

Kingshurst had operated for only eight terms and had had a post-16 intake for only two.

"We asked for the report because we wanted an outsider's critical reflection," Mrs Bragg said. "We did not want to be told everything was wonderful. In eight terms, you cannot really expect everything to be wonderful."

Mrs Bragg said that Kingshurst received no more money than other schools. Its spacious, well equipped facilities had been achieved through imaginative use of its budget.

"With local management of schools, other schools will have the same freedom we have," she said.

## Government sets up folic acid enquiry

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of government-appointed experts is to investigate evidence that babies are protected against spina bifida and other severe malformations if their mothers have a diet rich in folic acid, a vitamin found in green vegetables.

The group has been set up as a result of a Medical Research Council study showing that folic acid prevents neural tube defects during pregnancy, including spina bifida and anencephaly, in which the brain fails to develop.

Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical

officer, announcing the establishment of the team, said yesterday: "It is essential that the dietary implications for women are fully considered so that clear advice can be given to help to ensure that they give birth to healthy babies."

Women who are likely to become pregnant have already been advised to eat foods containing folic acid, a vitamin in the B group, such as lightly cooked spinach, broccoli, cabbage and sprouts. That advice was offered by the health department in July immediately after the MRC study, of more than 1,800 women, was published in *The Lancet*.

Women who had had a pregnancy involving a neural tube defect were told that before starting another pregnancy they should consult their doctor, who would be able to prescribe folic acid tablets to supplement their diet.

Dr Calman said: "Any steps that we can be sure will reduce further the incidence of these defects must be supported."

The investigating team will be chaired by Dame June Lloyd, Nuffield professor of child health at the Institute of Child Health, London. The members include five professors with expertise in obstetrics and gynaecology, nutrition and preventive medicine.

## Niece fined over cannabis cake

A woman who made a chocolate and cream cake spiked with cannabis for a family party was yesterday ordered to pay fines, costs and compensation totalling £1,100.

After eating a slice of Kathleen Pollard's cake, her aunt, Margaret Jellicoe, aged 52, suffered hallucinations. She imagined she was being chased by rotters and was appearing on the *That's Life* television programme, Swansea crown court was told.

Mrs Jellicoe fled terrified from the party and ran in front of cars, before chewing grass because her mouth was so dry. She spent two days in hospital and had three weeks off work due to recurring nightmares.

Pollard, aged 24, a shop assistant, had put enough cannabis in the cake to make 10 cigarettes, Judge David Williams was told.

Yesterday, Judge Williams fined Pollard £150 for each of two offences of administering a noxious substance with intent to injure and £50 for possessing cannabis. Pollard was also ordered to pay compensation of £400 to her aunt and £200 to her uncle John Jellicoe, aged 60, who also had hallucinations, and £150 costs.

Pollard had admitted possessing the drug, and a jury found her guilty of administering a noxious substance with intent to "injure, aggrieve or annoy" her aunt and uncle, which she had denied.

## College art sale may be blocked

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Charity Commission is expected to turn down a request from the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College to sell three paintings, a Turner, a Constable and a Gainsborough, after a report showing the merged college in better financial shape than had been thought. The paintings were bequeathed by the founder of Holloway College.

This week the University of London's court, its funding authority, considered a financial report from the college, part of the university, showing that it could move from deficit to surplus in three years without selling the pictures. The report is thought to be the same as the one submitted to the commission.

The commissioners, who last month told the college to provide a more detailed financial justification for the sale, are expected to consider the proposal at their November monthly meeting. The sale could bring the college, in Egham, Surrey, as much as £20 million.

But the report forecasts that after three lean years, careful financial planning could lead to a surplus in 1994. The picture would be even rosier if the government granted the college's request for a further 200 to

250 funded places. The college also wants to sell a 14-acre site it owns at Egham for development to build a new library, but planning permission has so far been refused.

There were more than 300 objections to the sale of the paintings from academics, art historians, national gallery directors and politicians. The paintings are Turner's seascape *Van Tromp going about to please his masters*, Constable's *A sketch for view on the Stour near Dedham* and Gainsborough's *Peasants going to market*.

They were bought by the founder, Thomas Holloway, in 1883 and given to the college "for the decoration of the buildings and the benefit of the persons entitled to reside therein". The founder's collection, which has been open to the public since 1886, is a focus of the college's new centre for the study of Victorian art and architecture, which was established with a gift of £250,000 from Christie's.

The sale of the paintings has been considered at various times over the past 20 years. In 1971 the college received a letter from the then education secretary, Margaret Thatcher, casting doubt on the college's power to sell.



Swinging for her supper: Elena Gogh, one of the Ukraine's best gymnasts, prepares for a coaching session at Marlborough college, Wiltshire, where she is teaching gymnastics to girls in exchange for her own tuition, boarding and living expenses. Elena, aged 17, visited the college last November with a school party from Kiev. She subsequently arranged to spend a year at Marlborough, studying English, history and business.

## Firm fined for lack of radiation warning

Massey Ferguson was fined £10,000 yesterday for failing adequately to warn buyers of its MF38 combine harvester about the danger of radiation from an instrument on the machine.

Warwick crown court was told that the radioactive source in a meter measuring yield flow presented no danger in a new machine that worked properly, but there was concern about older machines that might have become damaged or dismantled.

Adrian Rodgrave, for the Health and Safety Executive, said that more than 200 harvesters could be "at risk". If the meter became detached any radioactive material that entered the ground could remain active for 5,000 years.

Massey Ferguson admitted breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act and was ordered to pay £5,000 costs. The firm has issued all known owners of the MF38 with a new handbook.

### Secret crop

Peter Jones, aged 35, who cultivated 275 cannabis plants with a yield worth £100,000 in the greenhouse of his failed garden nursery business at Milford Haven, Dyfed, was jailed for 18 months by Swansea crown court.

### Tax defeat

The Inland Revenue failed in an appeal to the High Court against a 1989 ruling by the Tax Commissioners that journalists can offset the cost of newspapers and periodicals against their income tax.

### Coma girl dies

Fiona O'Halloran, aged 14, died in hospital after being in a coma since inhalation of fuel in the playground of Sowerby Bridge high school, near Halifax, on Saturday.

### Sex case vicar

The Rev Tom Tyler, the West Sussex vicar who was found guilty by a church court of adultery with a parishioner, has been granted an extra two weeks to prepare an appeal.

### Pianist hurt

The pianist Ian Munro has withdrawn from a concert performance in Leipzig tomorrow after being injured by a hit-and-run driver in Pimlico, London.

### River polluted

Feawood Country Chickens, a chicken processing firm of Attleborough, Norfolk, was fined £10,000 by Wymondham magistrates for polluting a tributary of the river Thet.

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## García denies graft

From REUTER  
IN LIMA

ALAN García, the former president, defending himself before the Peruvian senate, denied accusations that he illegally enriched himself in office. He told the senate on Thursday that the allegations were the product of "hate" by his political enemies.

Earlier this week a senate commission ratified the findings of a chamber of deputies panel that he enriched himself by about \$400,000 (£341,000) during 14 years as a public servant. "I've been presented as the Shah of Persia with vast fortunes, corruption with the BCCI and, in the end, what is brought here is [that I enriched myself by] \$187,000 during my term as president," Señor García said. "This is what my accusers say. I say it is not even one dollar." Señor García has been enmeshed in corruption charges linked to BCCI — the Bank of Credit and Commerce International — since Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan district attorney, named his government's officials as having taken bribes for depositing up to \$270 million from Peru's reserves in the bank.

## Bush's worries grow despite court victory

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush turned yesterday's oath-taking ceremony for Clarence Thomas into a triumphalist rally, reflecting both the increased confidence in the White House about its political handling of the affair and growing worries about other aspects of its domestic agenda for the 1992 campaign.

More than 300 guests assembled on the South Lawn to hear the new Supreme Court judge swear allegiance to the constitution of the United States, the oath taken by all government officials



Gates: controversial CIA nomination approved

and normally attended only by close family members and friends. The president has seized upon the perceived poor showing of Democratic senators during the Thomas hearings to press ahead with charges that his opponents are out of touch with the views of ordinary Americans. He is planning a series of speeches in which he will highlight the gap between black voters and black activists and women voters and feminist interest groups.

A further boost came yesterday when the Senate intelligence committee voted by 11 to 4 to approve the controversial nomination of Robert Gates as director of the CIA. Congressional leaders who, only a few weeks ago thought that they could embarrass the president and his nominee with new information about the Iran-Contra affair and political bias in intelligence assessment, shied away from another bruising battle that they could not guarantee to win.

Democrats are counter-attacking by trying to turn Americans' attention away from Washington committee

rooms and back towards their economic problems. A cloud of gloomy statistics hung over yesterday's White House celebrations, dominated by a 2.2 per cent fall in house-building last month after five months of successive slow growth. This followed Thursday's announcement that industrial production had risen last month by only 0.1 per cent and that the growth in August, originally stated as 0.3 per cent, had in fact been zero. A new chamber of commerce survey showed a sharp fall in confidence.

The president has become increasingly frustrated at the credit squeeze which his friends in Texas tell him is stopping their attempts to do business. Robert Mosbacher, the Texan commerce secretary and close friend of the president, is pushing for new policies to replace the bland optimism which the White House has preferred until now. With the support of Jack Kemp, the housing secretary, he is calling for the administration to press home its political advantage in Congress by reopening the fight for a capital gains tax cut.



Winding match: Ted Turner, owner of Cable News Network, and the film actress June Fonda, his fiancée, cheering the Atlanta Braves baseball team as they win their first place in the US World Series since 1958 by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh. Mr Turner, who owns the Braves, and Miss Fonda joined thousands of fans in celebrations. The Indian Affairs Council, based in Minnesota, said the action of fans who doused war-paint and feathers was "shameful and disgraceful". Clyde Bellecourt, of the American Indian Movement, said: "We are portrayed by such behaviour as a bunch of savages."

## Behind public grief Killeen finds time for gun worship

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN KILLEEN, TEXAS

There can be few places as soulless as Killeen, Texas, the town which entered the record books on Wednesday for the deadliest handgun shooting in modern American history.

It is an ugly conglomeration of motels, fast food restaurants, petrol stations and stores strung out along six-lane highways. Killeen's housing is utilitarian, much of it is 66,000 inhabitants transient. There is no town centre to speak of. It sits in the heart of Texas but on the way to nowhere in particular. It sprang up after the second world war to cater for Fort Hood, America's largest military base which abuts the towns to the north and west.

Its biggest indigenous industry would appear to be the ubiquitous pawn shop where GIs trade possessions for cash till pay day. There are also gun shops — no less than nine, according to the telephone directory. Age is the only restriction on firearms purchases. "For generations, guns have been a way of life in my rural district," Chet Edwards, Central Texas's Democratic congressman, told the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Yesterday the *Dallas Morning News* listed a dozen multiple killings by deranged gunmen in Texas, the first in 1966, when a sniper climbed to the top of a tower in Austin, 60 miles south of here, and picked off 16 people before the police shot him. This may be the Bible Belt but it is also the place where the people are to an extent inured to guns and violence.

Admittedly, Mr Edwards, previously a strong opponent of gun control, changed sides on Thursday. Killeen's flags are at half-mast, a memorial fund has been established,

churches are holding special services, trauma and support groups have been set up and a few bouquets of flowers have begun appearing outside Luby's cafeteria, where the killings occurred. But to a British outsider who recalled the Hungerford killings and its aftermath, the strong impression is of a place where behind the public display of grief life goes on as normal.

A "Frog Fest" celebration replete with "Texas lawmen gunfights" is proceeding as planned in neighbouring Harker Heights this weekend, though some proceeds will go to the memorial fund. A bartender who works just blocks from Luby's said it was ten hours before he heard of the killings, and then only when a customer jokingly invited her to dinner there.

NEW information about George Hennard, the killer, continues to surface, though the police have yet to establish exactly what triggered his rampage. An aggressive, woman-hating loner from Belton, 17 miles from Killeen, his alarming conduct was twice reported to police in recent months and in July 1989 he was treated for drug dependency at a Houston hospital.

Judy Beach, a neighbour reported Hennard last May after he screamed abuse at her for no reason. In June, Jane Bugg, another neighbour, reported him after he sent a rambling letter to her daughters in which he called women treacherous vipers.

Hennard joined the navy at 18, left it in 1977, joined the merchant marine in 1981 but left that too in 1989 after being found with marijuana on board ship. He was subsequently treated in hospital. Several past acquaintances have spoken of his hatred of women.

## Soviet Germans get Volga land pledge

From MARY DEVEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev promised yesterday that Soviet ethnic Germans would regain their homeland on the Volga from where they were ruthlessly deported as "traitors" during the second world war. He gave the pledge in a message to the first ever congress of Soviet Germans, which opened with much fanfare yesterday in Moscow.

The man chosen to convey Mr Gorbachev's message to the congress was Aleksandr Yakovlev, his close aide, who is believed to have argued from an early stage for the independence of the Baltic states. The 2,000 congress delegates, representing more than two million ethnic Germans from all over the Soviet Union, were greeted by folk song and dance groups and a brass band on their arrival at the central Moscow cinema for their congress yesterday morning. Stalls sold German books and newspapers, and illustrated brochures showed the help Soviet Germans were receiving from Germany.

The congress was originally scheduled for late spring, but was postponed because of a conflict between the two groups set up to represent ethnic Germans. One seeks the re-establishment of the Volga German homeland as a self-governing region, while the other insists that the suffering of Germans in the Soviet Union and their dispersal make the reconstitution of a homeland in Russia impossible. The main German settlements are in Omsk in Siberia and Kazakhstan.

During the summer, the groups settled their differences, but the rival folk ensembles performing simultaneously within earshot of each other yesterday showed that the conflict was still alive. But both groups applauded when a senior German official said that Soviet Germans continued to enjoy the right to settle in Germany. A small demonstration outside the hall gave a foretaste of the problems that Soviet Germans would experience on returning to the Volga. Demonstrators, representing those Russians who settled in the region after the dispersal of the Germans, carried placards reading, "You have two homelands, we have one", and "There is no G many on the Volga".



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## European leaders agree to keep US nuclear weapons

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN TAORMINA, SICILY

SEVEN European countries yesterday gave a firm pledge to continue basing American nuclear weapons on their territory, keeping alive Nato's 40-year policy of sharing responsibility for manning nuclear weapons.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, indicated that the commitment could last for ever. Speaking after a two-day meeting of defence ministers in the nuclear planning group, he said: "We're still confronted by a world where there are many nuclear weapons left... so I don't foresee a situation when we will denuclearise Europe."

His vision of a Europe that

would always have nuclear weapons was spelt out after the decision was taken to cut Nato's stockpile of tactical missiles, nuclear artillery shells and air-launched bombs by 80 per cent. The ground-launched systems are being eliminated and the air-launched bombs will be cut by 50 per cent. The remaining 700 American nuclear bombs will be shared between Britain, Germany, Italy, Greece, The Netherlands, Turkey and Belgium. Weapons on British soil will stay where they are.

At a time when so much attention is being paid to building a stronger European

defence identity, the long-term commitment to carry American nuclear bombs on allied aircraft will be reassuring for alliance members, such as Britain, which feel strongly about retaining the transatlantic link. This point was underlined repeatedly by Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, and Tom King, his British counterpart, at yesterday's press conference when they were asked about the proposed setting up of a Franco-German corps. Mr Cheney said whatever steps were taken to develop a European security identity, it should not "undermine or weaken" the present Nato structure.

Herr Wörner said that none of the countries which had always taken their share of nuclear systems had shown any inclination to drop out. The American bombs are carried on national air force bombers as well as US bombers. Herr Wörner said: "All the nations who have such weapon systems have indicated they want to continue in this role."

General John Galvin, the American supreme allied commander in Europe, has been asked to work out how many nuclear bombs should be assigned to each country. France, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Luxembourg, Norway and Iceland are not invited in the nuclear share-out. British officials confirmed that General Galvin would still have a number of American ballistic missile submarines assigned to his command in the event of a war.



Wörner: ... commitment could last for ever

## Eight republics sign Gorbachev's economic treaty

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AFTER two months of procrastination, eight of the remaining 12 Soviet republics yesterday signed the formal economic treaty, which President Gorbachev hopes will prevent the further disintegration of the union and lay the foundation for a new federal state. Despite the magnificence of the surroundings of the Kremlin's St George's Hall and a champagne toast, however, the ceremony was perfunctory in the extreme and Mr Gorbachev displayed barely a hint of satisfaction.

After the eight republic leaders had seated themselves at a round table, Mr Gorbachev welcomed them and said: "The ice has started to break. We've passed a very difficult stage." The text of the treaty was then passed round to be signed, starting with Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian president, who last week won a resounding victory in the republic's presidential elections. The Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, smiling broadly, waited until he was certain the cameras were on him before signing with a

flourish. Mr Gorbachev signed last. At a press conference afterwards, the Soviet president emphasised the need for agreement and consensus (by which he meant the support of the population). "Without consensus," he said, "all our plans will be frustrated and reforms will be stalled."

Nursultan Nazarbayev, the leader of Kazakhstan, who hosted a preliminary meeting on the treaty three weeks ago, attended by 12 republics, said: "Our ship has not foundered and we now have dry land beneath our feet." All signatories expressed confidence that the agreement would enable the country to survive the coming winter.

Negotiations on the wording had continued until close to the scheduled signing time and the Ukraine and Azerbaijan decided at the last moment not to sign. Georgia and Moldova, which have stated their intention of seeking independence, had long made known their intention not to participate in any new economic or political union.



Disappearing hemlines: Karl Lagerfeld's 1992 collection, shown in Paris yesterday, featured an ultra-short strappy tunic in navy and cream braided stripes, left, a black bodysuit worn with a flower-printed half-leopard over tights, and a gun-metal corset with matching tights. Lagerfeld's commitment to high hem-

lines, or indeed just a pair of tights worn with no skirt at all, is as strong a trend as ever (Liz Smith writes from Paris). He opened his show with a whole group of gun-metal Lycra corsets, bikinis and bodysuits. The latter garments, half-shirt and half-leopard, reappeared later in the collection in the flowered chiffon form

with matching diaphanous scarf skirts. Lagerfeld knows, of course, that most of his customers will not be running around in their underwear next year. The collection has plenty of pretty bell-skirted dresses and jackets that are fitted into the waist to curve not over the hips. Shirt jackets are cinched sharply with a belt. All

are worn with his new long flared skirts in black or white chiffon under which can be seen a short skirt. The shadow play of sheer and solid fabrics ran through the collection with chiffon lapels and pocket flaps on plain wool jackets and lengths of transparent fabric draped as a softening touch to a tailored coat dress.

## Serbs scupper EC proposal for looser Yugoslav alliance

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN THE HAGUE

A EUROPEAN Community plan for a loose-knit grouping of Yugoslav republics was flatly rejected by the Serbian leadership yesterday as the EC's tenth ceasefire was ignored by both sides in Croatia.

A new constitutional design to link together the six republics which make up Yugoslavia was unveiled yesterday by Lord Carrington, the chairman of the EC peace conference, and Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister. Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, promptly objected to the blueprint. "These proposals do not only disrupt the internal constitutional continuity of Yugoslavia, but also abolish Yugoslavia itself," he said, adding that only the Yugoslav peoples could decide to end the life of their own state. Four

pro-Serb members of the federal presidency walked out of the conference meeting before it ended.

Mr Milosevic said later that he was not barring further discussion of the proposed EC constitution but he said that Serbia could not accept everything in the document. The conference will continue at a more technical level next week, turning yesterday's proposals into treaty language.

The other five republics agreed to use the EC plan. "I have the feeling that at last we have established a good basis for future work," Mr van den Broek said. Lord Carrington said that the conference had gone backwards last Monday but that yesterday it had taken a "cautious step forwards".

The EC plan tries to build

strong safeguards for the rights of minorities within a set of six largely independent republics whose borders would be unchanged from the present. Serbia is denied its key demand that the Serb majority in Krajina and eastern Slavonia be granted a degree of self-government which would allow it to join Serbia.

The Serbs would, however, have considerable autonomy and a formidable array of legal protections inside an independent Croatia. The EC paper envisages a "free association" of "sovereign and independent republics". Existing borders would only be changed by agreement.

The conference also heard a joint statement, issued jointly by the EC, America and the Soviet Union, urging an end to hostilities.

## Swiss bottle up key issues before polls

FROM ALAN MCGREGOR IN GENEVA

THE mood of this weekend's general election in Switzerland has been aptly captured in a newspaper cartoon: it portrays the public as a wine taster with a row of bottles representing the political parties. Holding up a glass in the light, the cartoon character says with a frown, "No colour, no bouquet - and no taste".

Although the country is at a critical crossroads regarding eventual membership of the European Community and the inherent implications of its traditional neutrality, the Swiss are going to the polls with hardly a word being said. The issue has been tacitly avoided by the four-party coalition government and parliament, each in the throes of protracted indecision.

The same reticence applies to the increasing numbers of political asylum seekers -

with this year's total approaching 50,000. Even if fewer than 5 per cent are absorbed, all are assured of free food and shelter for at least six months while their applications are considered.

In spite of growing public concern about refugees, the environment, drug abuse, Aids (with the highest incidence in Europe), inflation, rising unemployment, soaring rents and health costs, the election campaign has been bland. Only the fringe parties have tried to rock the boat.

The weekly *Weltwoche* said "At the midst of a decisive juncture [on the EC issue] Swiss voters move listless and gloomily to the polls." A stake of 200 seats in the lower house and 46 seats in the state council. The ruling coalition is assured of a safe parliamentary majority.

## East-bloc elite emerge from shadows

BY POLISH standards, the demonstration was a routine and rather mild mannered: a few hundred women were chanting slogans in favour of liberal abortion laws across the road from a pro-life rally staged by Catholic activists. But among the pro-abortion marchers there was an unusual celebrity - Mnika Jaruzelski, aged 27, the daughter of the general who ten years ago imposed martial law and banned Solidarity.

Slowly the children of the East European communist elite are emerging from the privileged shadows. Known as the "red aristocracy", they were the closest communism ever came to a royal family. Frequent shopping trips in the West, a smooth passage through university and academic sinecures after graduation,

Children of communism's deposed leaders are struggling to find their feet, Roger Boyes writes from Warsaw

plush apartments and Western cars were all part of the lifestyle which has now been largely stripped away.

The worst off is Nicu Ceausescu: groomed as the crown prince to the executed Romanian dictator, he is now serving a 20-year jail sentence for "instigating dangerous crimes". Ceausescu suffers from a liver disease and he stands a chance of early release on medical grounds.

More comfortable are his brother, Valentin, and sister, Zoe. Valentin did a stint at Oxford and has a doctorate in physics. He is the cleanest of the Ceausescu clan. His current concern is to win permission to buy land and build houses in the hometown of his executed parents.

Zoe, too, has not been shy in demanding compensation for being sacked from her job as the director of the institute of science and technical progress. The job, indeed the whole institute, was created for Zoe to take her mind off fast cars and unsuitable boyfriends.

Enver Hoxha's children still cling to their positions and privileges, but the grip is looking more tenuous by the day. Sokol Hoxha, the eldest son of the late Albanian dictator, is the last of the clan

to hold a senior state position. He works at the telecommunications ministry, the one ministry which has not removed portraits of his father, Sokol's wife, Lijana, is deputy director of the Albanian state news agency, ATA.

The second son of the dictator, Ilir, heads the central research institute and his wife, Tania, runs Albania's museums. The key to understanding the survival of the Hoxha dynasty is Tania - she is the niece of President Alija, the current Albanian leader.

For many disgraced leaders, family is all that is left, the last circle of loyalty. Evgenia Zhivkov, granddaughter of the Bulgarian dictator, Todor, tries to protect his reputation or at least his privacy in a heavily guarded mansion on the fringes of Sofia.

## Ozal faces election defeat

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY'S 30 million voters appear ready in tomorrow's general election to vote out President Ozal's Motherland party, which has been in office since the military relinquished power in 1983.

The determination of voters to bring down the government does not, however, appear matched by enthusiasm for any alternative. "For the first time I haven't the slightest idea how to win," an Istanbul architect said.

Under an excessively complex system of proportional representation, a party needs at least 20 per cent of the vote to qualify for seats in any one constituency. The Motherland party's lingering hope is that people will remember it as the party of Turkey's economic transformation and that it might win if support for other parties is evenly divided.

As well as being blamed for the current high rate of inflation, the Motherland party is being hurt by a reputation for arbitrary and corrupt government which the opposition and much of the press attribute to the family and retinue of Mr Ozal.

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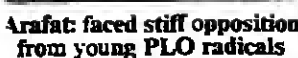
# Baker sets date for talks as envoys attend to small print

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

Syria has dramatically pointed up the link between stages two and three by refusing to attend any regional discussions until Israel agrees to hand back the strategic Golan Heights' annexed in 1981. Mr Baker diplomatically put the differences down to "timing", although Western officials insist that they remain more fundamental.

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

In his speech to the Jewish student organisation, he said: "It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the intention of the present American government is to shoehorn Israel back into the inhumane 1967 borders. Those who are supposed to be Israel's allies and supporters have in fact adopted a policy of absolute acquiescence with the Arab claims against Israel. Heavy pressure is being exerted on Israel in order to force it to its knees."



From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

The council made a big concession by agreeing to attend the conference without insisting that the creation of new Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank, in the Gaza Strip and in east Jerusalem be halted when the conference starts. Washington had given assurances that it

**FROM REUTER IN BEIRUT**

The statement made no mention of a hostage release. The photograph — apparently an old one — showed Mr Anderson, the longest-held Western hostage, in profile with a neatly-trimmed moustache and hair. "Some local and international media are bringing some incorrect news, trying to harm the reputation

Islamic Jihad is one of four groups in Lebanon's Shia Muslim fundamentalist underground bolder up to nine Westerners among them. Its statement said: "The terrorism of our strugglers and blood of the great martyrs silence the lies and cheap presumptions which the media produced that the strug-

● **BBC pledge:** The BBC World Service said yesterday it would broadcast two of the favourite tunes of American hostage, Tom Sutherland's, tomorrow. Kenneth McKellar singing *Scotland the Brave* and *Westering Home* were requested by Mr Sutherland's wife, Jean, the BBC said in the statement.

## Fishy business



Peking — Deng Xiaoping, the senior Chinese leader, has urged his country to throw its doors open more widely to the world and to press on with reforms, in spite of the Western threat to communism, the *People's Daily* reported. "We must further open to the outside world with more courage and speed and carry out the guiding principle of a 'grand opening,'" he was reported as saying. (APF)

**Ankled** - Prasert Decha-famsakun, a Thai man aged 42, has been jailed for five years after New Zealand's first recorded case of slave trading. He had denied offering to sell, and selling as a slave, a woman aged 26 whom he had lured from Thailand with promises of a job as a waitress. He forced her into prostitution and was arrested after trying to sell her to an undercover policeman. (Reuter)

**Sydney**—Three salmon farmers were fined between £116 and £324 at Hobart in Tasmania for booby-trapping a dead salmon by stuffing gelignite in it to scare seals away. The prosecution said they decided to use the salmon bomb after nets failed to stop seals stealing fish. They admitted taking protected wildlife (seals) and possessing explosives to take protected wildlife. (Rover)

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Just as the Albert Memorial has long been a favourite spot for London's Norland Nannies to pass their prams and swap tales about their charges, the grounds of the Meiji Shrine in Tokyo may soon become the meeting place and headquarters for a new breed of firmly informed Japanese trans-pushers known as *trans-nannies*.

Mitsunori Dorono, of the *Shinkanshu* youth magazine, and in Tokyo, introduced up Japan's first professional nanny magazine, *Pandering* to these weaksters for a brand name, has sent the Norland Nannies prototype.

Whether that the Norland Nannies is the Rolls-Royce of the nanny world," he recently saw a television programming magazine "to make an *adult* woman. The secret is: sure you already know how to engage a nanny."

Dorono may not believe if he is not a cloning member of British aristocracy, a privileged young man, sushi is unlikely to



## Canada strikes the only sour note amid unaccustomed harmony of Commonwealth leaders

## No fuss as sanctions issue is laid to rest

FROM JAN RAATH AND ROBIN OAKLEY IN HARARE

COMMONWEALTH leaders appear to have disposed of the South African sanctions issue with a minimum of fuss before leaving for their weekend retreat at the Victoria Falls.

Shortly before closing the week's working sessions at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting yesterday, P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, said that "virtually all" the members had endorsed the phased lifting of sanctions put forward by the meeting of foreign ministers in Delhi in September. He said the heads of government had agreed unanimously that people-to-people sanctions, the first phase, covering restrictions on visas and links in culture, science and sports, should be lifted immediately. But there was



Rao: people-to-people sanctions to go at once

less clarity about the second phase, covering trade and investment sanctions, and the third, involving finance.

Before he flew out of Harare yesterday, Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, addressed at least four press conferences. He refused at all of them to be drawn on the substance of the talks he had held with individual heads of government.

Observers believe, however, that Mr Mandela has concentrated on making contacts to pave the way for international firms to invest in South Africa. British sources believe that the ANC has been impressed by John Major's argument that, by insisting on the maintenance of sanctions until the moment an interim government is formed, they would effectively be maintaining sanctions against themselves, given the long time lag between investment decisions and the provision of jobs.

Diplomatic sources said informal weekend discussions on sanctions would be devoted to working out a simpler trigger mechanism for the lifting of financial and trade and investment sanctions. They confirmed that a modified version of the Delhi formula was likely to emerge, along the lines of ANC proposals that would allow both to be lifted simultaneously. Mr Mandela appears out to

have gone into any substantive detail on sanctions in his private meetings with the leaders of Britain, Canada or Australia, leaving that to Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's secretary for external affairs.

But it was clear that the South African issue, although not yet fully settled, has aroused little or no controversy, and has reached the end of its life as a divisive factor in Commonwealth affairs. "It's being pursued in a very, very low-key, quiet way," a British official said.

Speeches at the summit have placed a stronger emphasis on human rights in the Commonwealth now that President de Klerk's apartheid reforms have removed much of the basis for criticism of Pretoria. Mr Rao said Commonwealth leaders "welcomed the substantial progress that has been achieved in South Africa".

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## Mulroney rebukes Mugabe

BRIAN Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, delivered a sharp rebuke to President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, his host, before returning to Canada last night (Jan Raath writes).

"I gather we have a couple of war victims here," he said at a press conference, referring to a number of journalists who were caught up in the tear gas that has wracked the campus of the University of Zimbabwe for the past two days as police clashed with students throwing stones.

"This was a most unpleasant and unacceptable kind of situation," he said. Demonstrations were "a necessary kind of democracy" but in flogging democracies they were seen "as an indication of weakness".

The Canadian prime minister's sharp words will come as a shock to President Mugabe, who has enjoyed a warm friendship with Mr Mulroney in the past, and usually refers to him as "Brian" rather than the remote "Mr Mulroney".



No brass hat: the Duke of Edinburgh talking to trainees yesterday in a command dug-out at the British Army's Mozambique training team camp at Nyanga, Zimbabwe

## UK calls for targets on ozone

Harare — John Major has come up with a new plan for controlling emissions of the so-called greenhouse gases that are contributing to the warming of the Earth's atmosphere.

Speaking in the environment debate at the 28th Commonwealth heads of government meeting here, the prime minister proposed that developing nations should set themselves targets for restricting the increase in their gas discharges to 1 or 2 per cent below their rate of economic growth. According to British officials who briefed the media after the closed session, he said Britain would do its part by undertaking to cut its own emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2005.

Mr Major urged Commonwealth colleagues to prepare for next year's United Nations conference on the environment in Rio de Janeiro. He said he would look to that conference for a new global convention on the environment, "with teeth", to set targets and penalties. (AFP)

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## Giant machine cast into melting pot

THE future of the world's biggest scientific machine, the \$8.25 billion (£4.8 billion) superconducting supercollider is in doubt as a result of Japan telling the United States to look elsewhere for funds.

After two days of talks in Tokyo, during which Allan Bromley, President Bush's science adviser, pressed the Japanese to commit \$1.7 billion to the supercollider, the answer yesterday was no. "Japan cannot co-operate financially in the supercollider because it is channelling funds into its own domestic basic research programmes," Akiko Santo, director-general of the Science and Technology Agency said. She added that Japan had made its position clear.

Despite the rebuff, Dr Bromley said that Mr Bush would raise the issue when he visited Japan next month, by which time Japan is expected to have a new prime minister. The ruling Liberal Democratic party meets on October 25 to select a new leader, likely to be Kiichi Miyazawa, a veteran politician.

The supercollider would encircle the Texas town of Waxahatchie, near Dallas, with a 54-mile tunnel through which protons would be accelerated to opposite directions and then collide, splitting them into subatomic particles. The project has so far survived congressional opposition only by promising that a third of its cost would come from non-federal funds. Texas

Tokyo is refusing to give \$1.7bn to help America fund a key science project, writes Nigel Hawkes

has promised \$1 billion, leaving another \$1.7 billion to be found. Europe is building its own machine, so no success is possible there. India has promised \$50 million, a drop in the ocean. Both Japan and the Soviet Union have made vague pledges, but neither has produced any actual cash. The chances that the Soviet Union ever will are considered slim.

To tempt the Japanese, who complain that they are being asked to join a project designed entirely by Americans, Dr Bromley offered "co-owner" status in the Tokyo talks. Japan, however, is under pressure from scientists at home to increase spending: a report published yesterday by the education ministry said that universities needed more funds to retain their younger researchers.

Without Japanese money, the supercollider faces a fight for survival. Already its huge cost has forced cutbacks in other research plans, including the abandonment of an experiment in fusion power. The energy department, which is behind the project, nonetheless appears determined to protect it from cuts.

## Norland nani-sans gird up for Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Just as the Albert Memorial has long been a favourite spot for Loodoo's Norland Nannies to park their prams and swap tales about their charges, the grounds of the Meiji shrine in Tokyo may soon become the meeting place and gossip centre for a new breed of primly uniformed Japanese pram-pushers known as *norlando nani-san*.

Mitsunori Dozono, of the Shukutoku vocational school in Tokyo, intends to set up Japan's first professional nanny training college. Pandering to the Japanese weakness for foreign brand names, he has chosen the Norland Nanny as his prototype.

"I gather that the Norland Nanny is the Rolls-Royce of the nanny world," he said. "I recently saw a Japanese television programme called *How to make an English gentleman*. The secret, as I am sure you already know, is to engage a Norland Nanny."

Mr Dozono may be teetering on the verge of make-believe if he is thinking of cloning members of the British aristocracy. Japan's privileged young Master Yasushi is unlikely to be

down for Eton, our lucky enough to have a kindly butler to play conkers with.

Mr Dozono has, however, learnt all about the formidable Nanny Everest who was responsible for outlasting the young Winston Churchill through his formative years. With an awesomely starchy *norlando nani-san* patrolling Master Yasushi's nursery, there will be no more clowning around with the oodles at high tea.

Louise Davis, principal of the Norland College, Britain's breeding ground of nannies to the elite, has been in Tokyo this week advising Mr Dozono on the rudiments of Norland nannydom. His students will be taught along the same lines as Mrs Davis's girls, under licence and using the 99-year-old Norland name.

Some might argue that the Japanese are already over-nannied. There is no doubt, however, that the arrival of the *norlando nani-san* will ease the burden of Japan's nascent band of career women, who are slowly and bravely fighting their way towards the boardrooms of the nation's mighty corporate sector.

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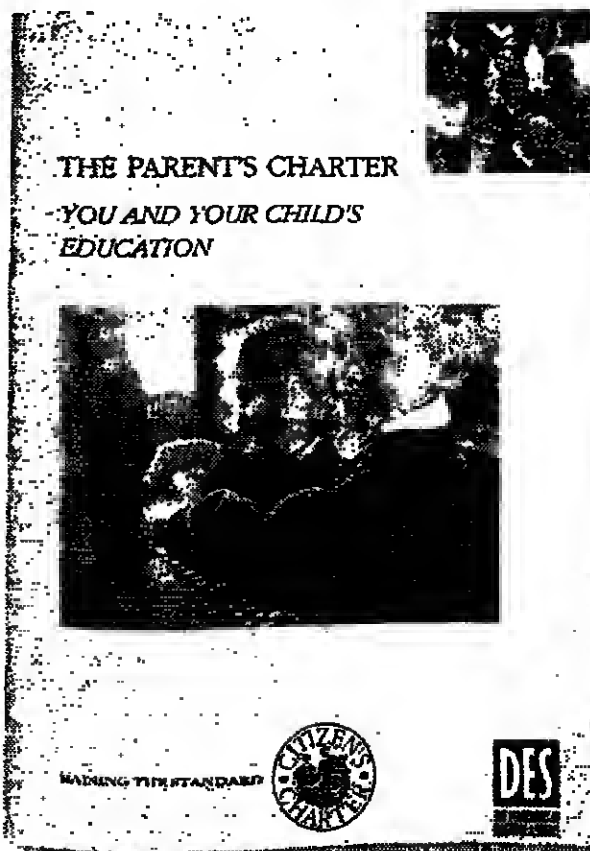
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## Clifford Longley

### Freedom itself demands the infidel's conversion

The Council of Christians and Jews has protested at the prospect of the Church of England seeking to convert members of other faiths — Jews in particular — to Christianity. In a letter to *The Times* on Tuesday, the executive director of the council, the Rev Jim Richardson, and Michael Latham MP, a council member, insisted that relations between faiths should be based on equal dialogue — and it was a condition of dialogue that no religion should claim to have a monopoly of truth.

What sparked off this protest was news of an "open letter", signed by leading Anglican conservatives, Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics, attacking the practice of inter-faith worship such as the annual Commonwealth Day Service of Observance in Westminster Abbey. It argued that the church should not be shy of trying to convert members of non-Christian faiths.

The target of the open letter and the campaign is not, in the first instance, the Jewish community, nor any other non-Christian group, but those in the Church of England who are against, or unsure about, converting anybody to anything. In spite of it being a church which spent enormous efforts in the 19th century evangelising the British Empire, it is not uncommon to find a widespread, even predominant, view that "those days are over". Liberal Anglicans are uncomfortable with the notion, quoted in the open letter, that Jesus Christ is "the only saviour and hope of mankind".

British Jews are concerned by the prospect of Christian evangelism, not least because they have had collective memories of Christian mass conversion as a form of persecution. Judaism is not a proselytising religion and Jews tend to ask, therefore, why other religions cannot be content, as they are, with what they have.

The controversy is rife with cross-purposes. But the issue is not whether Christians have truly renounced antisemitism, whether Jews need to be converted to Christianity to be "saved", or whether the God Jews and Muslims worship is the "same" God that Christians worship. The real issue is what is meant by evangelism, proselytism and conversion; and the acceptable limits in practice.

The ideological market-place aspect of Western secular democratic society is not only one of its most attractive features (to Western secular democrats, at least) but is also essential to its proper functioning. It is necessarily an argumentative society, where each has his market stall, crying his wares. This applies to politics, art and science, and it must apply to religion, too. Those who hold strong views have the privilege — which verges on a duty — to advance or defend them. To deny people the right to believe that their religion has a monopoly of truth, and to persuade others accordingly, is to infringe their religious freedom. Nobody should be offended by the claim: "My religion is better than yours".

Not everybody has to spend all day saying so, however; it can be done through institutions and by proxy. But the health of a society like Britain requires that somewhere there should be someone whose business it is to demonstrate to any who ask why Roman Catholicism, say, is a false religion; or Islam a true one, and vice versa.

But there are three conditions necessary for keeping the religious peace: respect for intellectual and emotional freedom, respect for personal privacy, and avoidance of insult. There is no place for coercion in religion (to paraphrase the Koran). Religious coercion against freedom of conscience can take the gross form of a threat of dire consequences, or the more subtle (but not necessarily less effective) one of psychological pressure.

Religious intrusion into personal privacy can arise from unwelcome persistence, the use of false pretences, or inappropriateness of timing and method such as occasions of grief or distress. But provided these three criteria for the etiquette of proselytism are met, there can be no objection to the effort of proselytism itself. To say otherwise is to reject a free society, and to insist that Christianity should become a closed system, something it is not.

The Times Book of Clifford Longley, a selection of recent articles, is published by HarperCollins

Peter Lewis on the literary row raging over the publication of a new biography of George Orwell

## Whose life was it anyway?

Biography is such a booming business that George Orwell, whose dying request in 1950 was to have none, is now on his second "authorised" biography in 11 years. Already, sniping has broken out between the rival camps. Bernard Crick (*George Orwell: A Life*, 1980) has complained that Michael Shelden (*Orwell*, published on Monday) did not even approach him for information — "a breach of literary and scholarly manners".

Both authors are professors, Crick at London, Shelden at Indiana State. Shelden's introduction calls Crick's biography a large collection of facts by which "he keeps a safe distance between himself and his subject". Crick argued that it is impossible to understand another person's inner life, which is therefore better avoided. Shelden's response: "To pretend that Orwell's inner

life is secondary to events in his public life is to reduce him to the level of a dry functionary." Crick, for his part, has described Shelden's book as "lumpy". An enjoyable literary duel seems to be underway. The tangle arises because of a woman; it began with Orwell's deathbed marriage, in the last stages of tuberculosis, to Sonia Brownell, who ruled the Orwell estate as his literary executor for 30 years until her own death in 1980. She guarded Orwell's works ferociously, driving off would-be adapters, film-makers and biographers. Orwell's friends, such as Anthony Powell, restricted themselves to brief, reminiscent essays. Sonia established the Orwell archive at

University College, London, and co-edited Orwell's *Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters*. That, she said, was all the biography needed. Nevertheless, attempts to write Orwell's life continued, although she refused to quote his permission to write a biography, "I shall stop you," she told me, when I was preparing (with her co-operation) an illustrated book on Orwell that had no such pretensions. She finally chose Crick to write an "official" life, but disliked and disowned his book, and tried to stop its publication. Orwell first met her in 1945 when she was Cyril Connolly's assistant (and editor in absentia)

on *Horizon*. His wife, Eileen, had died unexpectedly in 1943 leaving him with Richard, their adopted baby son. He needed a wife, and Sonia was one of three women to whom he proposed, and who all refused at that time. Although Orwell made her the model for Julia in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, he did not see much more of her until 1949, when he was back in England and in hospital. This time, when he begged her to marry him, she agreed. Between then and his death, three months later, he never left his room at University College Hospital.

Shelden, aged 40, is a specialist in London literary life of the 1930s and 1940s. "Sonia was peripheral to Orwell's career, and I think she later exaggerated her place in his life," he says. "She was quite wrong to appropriate the name of Orwell, a *nom de plume* which belonged only to him. He remained Eric Blair and that was her name by marrying him. But what sort of attention would she have got as 'Sonia Blair'? She made no effort to be a mother to Richard."

cause to fight for." He denies accusing her of gold-digging, he rather sees her as a lion-hunter. "She had turned him down earlier, but when he was famous and about to become rich she found it easier to accept him. Also, he was so ill that she felt she couldn't say no, and she sincerely wanted to help him stay alive."

Shelden also believes Sonia slanted the popular impression of Orwell when editing his essays and letters. "She withheld many of his political writings, which she didn't think important. She also deleted parts of his letters which show his lively interest in sex. They counteract the common picture of him as the man in a hair shirt. In general, Sonia was pretending to have the last word on Orwell."

Peter Ackroyd reviews Orwell, by Michael Shelden, published by Heinemann (£18.50), in the *Saturday Review*, page 44

## No treasures in an empty box

Despite the controversy over Margaret Thatcher's intervention in the great Channel 3 debate, the fact remains that we all spend too much time watching the box, which, since we've all become idiotic, is no longer known as the idiot's lantern. So the time has come to ask ourselves what precisely we get out of it.

I plead as guilty as the next man to excessive gawping. The adenoïdal ocular gulp was, in the late Fifties, my response to the rediscovery of civilisation after some years in Malaysian kampongs. I was often asked what kind of television we had "out there" and was met by incredulity when I replied that there was, as yet, none. Even in the old black-and-white two-channel days, there was an assumption in the West that the amenity was essential to the full life. Indeed, the need had long antedated its satisfaction. Is there not a television system in Robert Green's play *Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay*, first produced in the 1590s?

For more than two years, as television critic for the now defunct *Listener*, I was glad to ally the guilt of excessive gawping by reminding myself that I was being paid for it. Leaving Britain for good in 1968, I was freeing myself from the seduction of three colour channels. I did not think I would be any longer seducible, for I would be an outcast at the feast of alien cultures. But I was soon addicted to high-kicking *Canzonissima* on Radiotelevisione Italiana. Language was no real barrier. It soon seemed natural to hear Gary Cooper entering a salon with, "Ciao, ragazzi".

In Monaco, the television feast was multinational, with all of France and Italy pounding in over the notional frontiers. Lengthy stays in the United States revealed that vast regions were acoustically provided with only a single channel, although New York's provisions were so rich as to provoke genuine illness: the old movies that one had to see come on in the early hours of the morning and the rhythms of regular sleep were dangerously disrupted.

At present I spend much of my time in southern Switzerland, where there are uncountable channels in four languages, to say nothing of dialects. It is all



A generation ago, television was the wonder of the age. Now, says Anthony Burgess, its appeal is ephemeral and fleeting

too much. I also spend odd months in my native country searching out an honourable grave. Viewing goes on, but there is little of the relief of a return to my own language: I hear far too much unintelligible yobspeak. But I have to concede that Britain's is the best television you are likely to get, though praising it reminds me of the damned in Ezra Pound's *Cantos* who praise one kind of human excrement at the expense of another.

The truth is that what we call television is not television at all. There was once talk of the Art of Television, meaning the exploitation of accepted limitations. The parallel was the Art of Radio, which genuinely flourished in the 1930s: an ambitious expressionism which owed much to the Weimar Republic and functioned before blatherphone recording came in, when

gramophones were hand-wound and fade-outs were accomplished by gently shutting doors. Early television was live, and there was the faint thrill of knowing that lines could go wrong. Characters could not change their clothes. A door could be opened to disclose a staring camera. There was the sense of limitation without which no art can properly be said to exist.

Nowadays, television is a poor sister of film. With the advent of the video cassette recorder, it has become possible to regard one's television set as the dispenser of the materials of one's personal film museum. The television play no longer exists: the television film, an impoverished relation of hypertrophic cinema, follows cine-

matic rules. But the experience of watching film on television is mean and lacks a sense of occasion. It is too easy: one lolls in one's slippers and shirt-sleeves instead of sitting with others in a wet raincoat. This domestication of the cinema diminishes a great medium. We see one film, yawn, and at once demand another. We zap, and we do not sufficiently zap off.

I do not deny that I have learnt things from television — chiefly about animals — but I have not, who I consider the hours I have given to it, learnt nearly enough. There has not been one single television revelation to compare with, say, the first hearing of *L'après-midi d'un faune* or the first reading of *A Handful of Dust*. The cramming of each minute of the day and night with viewable material ensures that no transmission shall be particularly

important. Everything is levelled down to easy eye-fodder; we are not encouraged to discriminate.

In its first days — I am not referring to such events as that transmission on the Baird system of Pirandello's *The Man with the Flower in his Mouth*, which I saw in 1932; I am going back merely to the 1950s — one was addressed directly by the medium. Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* reproduces the condition of 1948, when old ladies were shy of undressing before that sooty eye. At least there was a sense of rapport. To have lugged the victim of IRA bullets into the studio and shown him, as it were, dead live, would have been shocking and violently condemned by Parliament, but at least it would have been a television act. These days we see coloured film of the victims of every conceivable atrocity, and

its epistemological impact is that of an after shave commercial. Death is entertainment because it is processed as coterminous: film is manipulable and hence fictional.

A few years ago I met a Hollywood producer who was convinced that BBC television transmitted a Shakespeare or Chekhov play once a week, showed the odd documentary of a potter's wheel, dealt briefly with the news, and then lapsed into blankness. It was a false memory of the 1950s and a response to the blaring, glaring TV diet of Los Angeles. But some of us can recollect a time when television sets had doors which were ritually opened on an occasional evening and closed at the hour of the sleep-inducing malted drink.

Commercialisation has disposed of the genteel era of limited viewing. The filling of the day and night with material so mediocre that it imparts artistic value to commercials is imposed on the BBC because the BBC has been taught to believe it has entered the competitive market. It is up to the viewer to learn discrimination, but this is different when homogeneity of value — and, it increasingly seems, of content — animates the programmers.

The answer is to keep the thing switched off until a re-run of *The Birth of a Nation* or *Metropolis* is announced. Even then, of course, television will be behaving, not as itself, but as a mere servant of a greater medium. Or perhaps *Parade's End* by Ford Madox Ford (made in 1964) will emerge from the BBC archives: that was television serving literature, a wholly laudable action. I think we have to liquidate the notion of the TV evening. We seem to have forgotten that there are other things to do. We can listen to a concert on Radio 3, read, make love, play the piano or the guitar. The trouble is that we have become afraid of missing something on the box.

In fact, we are missing nothing. We get more news from newspapers and more entertainment from library books. Television has to exist, but it does not have to enslave us. But then, the franchise winners are the real slaves.

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### ...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

In a contemplative fashion, and a tranquil frame of mind, free from every kind of passion, some solution let us find. Let us grasp the situation, solve the complicated plot, quiet, calm deliberation disentangles every knot.

But things don't work like that, neither in real life nor in opera. I suppose that in a perfect republic, politics and newspapers would be run by pure logic, free from every kind of passion and fallacy. In fact, our world runs on emotion, passion, muddle, fallacy, confusion and downright lies. A formal fallacy is a mathematical error in deductive logic, in which the conclusion does not necessarily follow from the premises: the Tories believe in privatisation of national assets as a principle, therefore they are going to privatise the National Health Service. That is a non sequitur, with touches of other kinds of informal fallacy.

Populist politics and journalism would come to a halt if all kinds of informal fallacy were banned. And the world would be a duller place. Nevertheless, in the hurly burly of public and private debate, we should try to keep a grip on our logic, and our eyes open for fallacies. For example, at all the party conferences we have just been treated to an orgy of the fallacy of slanting, that is, deliberately omitting, playing down, or exaggerating certain points to the exclusion of others, in order to

hide evidence which is important and relevant to a conclusion of an argument. The fallacy of systematic slanting is a definition of party politics and editorials in the less expensive papers. You can hear it every day, passim, in arguments about the NHS and the economy. Without slanting, the public relations and advertising industries would have no occupation left. And there is no point in crying "good riddance". We live in the real world, not Utopia.

We have had a virulent epidemic of the tu quoque fallacy on both sides of the Atlantic lately. You know the kind of argument. He is quite unfitted to be DPP because he was kerb-crawling. He is quite unfitted to be a high court judge, because it was alleged he went in for sexual harassment. Both statements may be pragmatically and politically true. It depends on the circumstances and extent of the kerb-crawling and sexual harassment. But the argument is messy and political, human not logical. Neither statement follows logically from its premiss.

The tu quoque consists of producing evidence that a person's actions are not consistent with what he is arguing. "He tells us that we must have no pay rise for the next year, but he has just got himself a new Rolls Royce." Directors' pay rises have produced a pox of tu quoques and plain envy. But neither the tu quoque nor the envy logically destroys the argument about

how we should get out of the recession. Another form of the tu quoque is to argue that a person's views are inconsistent with what he previously believed, and therefore (a) he is not to be trusted and/or (b) his new view must logically be rejected. "Freda Bullfrog was passionately against European federation who she was standing for Parliament. Now she is passionately for it. How can you trust someone who has changed her mind on such an important issue?" Her present position is inconsistent with her former view, and therefore we should commit it to the flames.

Sometimes the tu quoque is related to the fallacy of two wrongs making a right. "The Tory tabloid press goes in for character assassination and lying. Therefore you should not condemn the Labour tabloid press for doing the same." It is the "therefore" that is logically dodgy in that sentence. If we were all absolutely logical in our words and deeds, we should be inhuman, and insufferable robots of rationality.

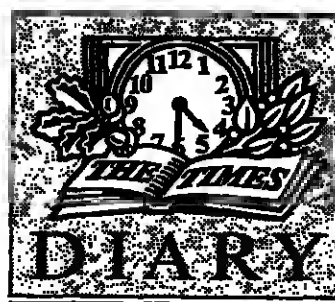
The fallacy of the red herring shifts the argument sideways. "You believe in abortion, so why don't you support the euthanasia bill to allow people to die with dignity?" Logic, like whisky, loses its beneficial effect when taken in too large quantities. Humankind cannot bear very much logic. But it is a useful tool for keeping an eye on those rascally politicians and jour-

### Table d'hate

IF, AS expected, James Baker succeeds in getting the different parties to agree to a Middle East peace conference in Madrid, his problems will only just be beginning. The US Secretary of State knows that, after eight months of painstaking shuttle diplomacy, the success or failure of the initiative could well have more to do with what in diplomatic speak are known as "modalities" than the grander sweeps of geo-politics. Modalities include such burning questions as: will the negotiating table be round or square? Who will speak first? Who goes last? Will there be alcohol on the lunchtime menu? Will the Arab delegates be able to face Mecca? Then, of course, most tricky of all, who sits next to whom?

The history of diplomacy suggests that it is on such questions that success stands or falls. In January 1972 the Vietnam peace talks in Paris nearly foundered over the seating arrangements and, indeed, the shape of the table. The day was saved by compromise: on an oval table which was then separated into four distinct sections, so the North and South Vietnamese delegates could be satisfied that they were not sitting next to each other.

Michael Leifer, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics, says: "Although these things may seem ridiculous, and perhaps they are, they have symbolic significance. All governments are still playing to domestic considerations." The Egyptians and Israelis are likely to be seated together, with Syria kept as far from Israel as possible. There is also speculation of a video link direct from the



conference room to the Palestinians in the occupied territories. Baker will be hoping the conference goes more smoothly than the Arab League Summit in Cairo shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. That ended with food and dinner plates flying through the air, and with a tearful Kuwaiti foreign minister being helped from the room after being struck by a lamb kebabs thrown by his Iraqi counterpart.

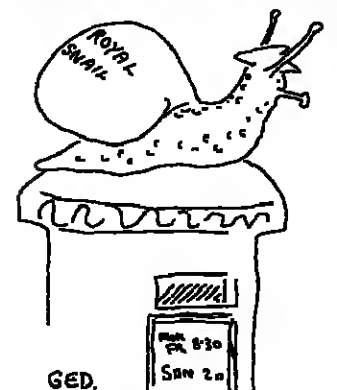
● A civic delegation from Kustanai in the Kazakh republic arrives in its twin town of Kirkcubright, West Yorkshire, this weekend. The chief executive, council leader and mayor are lined up to greet the delegation, but the revelation that all three posts are held by the same person in Kustanai has thrown the arrangements into chaos.

### Shell shock

THE only connection between the Royal Mail and snails, one might have thought, is the time it takes to deliver a second class letter. But there is a closer relationship. Sir Andrew Gilchrist, formerly our man in Indonesia, has received a letter, several weeks late, with one of those red and white Royal Mail stickers apologising for delivering damaged goods. "Eaten by snails," a Post Office employee had written, by way of explanation.

Sir Andrew says: "Snails ate right the way through the envelope. I could tell it was a snail because what was left of the letter was all slimy."

Salisbury Post Office, which had handled the letter, says: "We get quite a few letters that have been eaten by snails." They think the snails find the glue on stamps irresistible. "It always gets worse



on bank holidays because the letters are left lying around for longer. The trouble is when you try to explain to people why their letters are chewed up and say it is the snails they look at you as if you're really stupid. They think it's just another post office excuse."

### Old pal acts

NEIL Kinnock has turned to Peter Mandelson, his former right-hand man, to try to ensure a Labour victory in the crucial Lambeth by-election. Mandelson's role will be controversial, because it was his involvement in the Monmouth by-election earlier this year which exacerbated the divisions among Labour staff which led to the resignation of John Underwood, who had succeeded Mandelson as Labour's communications direc-

tor. Mandelson will also come under scrutiny from Tory and Liberal Democrats opponents to see whether there is a conflict of interest between his work for the Labour party and his position as a consultant to the BBC. Meanwhile William Hague, at 30 the Tories' youngest MP, has been sent to Lambeth as the minder to Michael Bates, the Tory candidate. Traditionally, minders are experienced MPs. So why Hague? He was the last Tory to have won a by-election, nearly three years ago.

### Irony lady

MRS Thatcher's chagrin at the disappearance of TV-am becomes even more poignant in the light of her attitude during the last television franchise round, ten years ago. Then, under a different system, she was openly disappointed that Southern television had lost out. Shortly after, at an IBA lunch at which she was the guest of honour, according to onlookers, Mrs Thatcher told Lady Plowden, the IBA chairman that she had more power than a prime minister, and had put a successful company out of business without any explanation. She promised she would change the system. Nine years later the Broadcasting Act happened — and, this week, TV-am became its victim.

● The BBC has been running a series of health and safety courses at Television Centre in which participants are required to fill in a questionnaire, asking if employees have experienced any "hazards" while in the BBC's employ. Reporter Jeremy Bowen, who was in Iraq during the Gulf War, wrote: "Rough end of 2000lb penetration bombs." The course supervisor returned the form with a tart note requesting him to treat the course with the appropriate seriousness.

### GREE

...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD











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- 8.40 The Train** New Departing. Anthony Smith recalls childhood memories of travel on the Atlantic Coast Express from Waterloo to Exmouth, a journey that took the best part of a day (7).
- 9.10 News and weather**
- 9.15 In Touch With Healing**. The Church has always had a healing ministry through the sacraments, pilgrimages and, more recently, through hospital chaplains. Mike Woodbridge asks if people have to be good to be healed.
- 9.30 This is the Day**. A simple religious service from the Mayburgh, Inverness, home of Hugh and Joan Cushman.
- 10.00 See Hear? A Did You See...?** 7 programme in which hearing impaired guests discuss recent BBC TV programmes. Wales: See You Sunday.
- 10.30 Golf**. The final of the Toyota World Match Play championship.
- 12.00 The Colour Eye**. The fourth of six programmes on the influence of colour in our lives (7). Wales: See You Sunday.
- 12.30 Country File**. John Craven asks what the future holds for student farmers just starting their course at agricultural college. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather.
- 1.00 News** followed by *On the Record* with employment secretary Michael Howard.
- 2.00 EastEnders**. Omnibus edition (7). (CeeFax) (a).
- 3.00 Film: Can-Can (1960)** starring Frank Sinatra, Shirley Maclaine, Louis Jourdan and Juliet Prowse. Efficient version of the Cole Porter musical set in Paris during the Naughty Nineties. The songs and performances just about overcome Walter Lang's unimaginative direction.
- 5.05 Motorcar 91**. Noel Edmonds, Michele Newman and Chris Goffey are the guides round the stands at London's Earls Court.
- 6.00 The Clothes Show**. Jeff Banks and Caryn Franklin invite 32 well-dressed five-year-olds to the programme's fifth birthday party at London Zoo (a).
- 6.25 News with Chris Lowe**. Weather.
- 6.40 Songs of Praise** from the Sidney Myers Music Bowl, Melbourne, Australia (CeeFax) (a).
- 7.15 Keeping Up Appearances**. Roy Clarke's comedy starring the superb Patricia Routledge as the suburban social climber (CeeFax) (a).
- 7.45 Trainer**. One-dimensional racing soap from the Howards' Way stable, following the fortunes of a young trainer (Mark Greenstreet). With Susannah York and David McCallum. (CeeFax) (a).
- 8.35 Bread**. Carla Lane's robust comedy about a family of workshy Liverpoolians. (CeeFax) (a).
- 9.05 News with Marilyn Lewis**. (CeeFax) (a).



A royal encounter: Prunella Scales and James Fox (8.20pm)

- 9.20 Screen One: A Question of Attribution (1991)**.  
 ● CHOICE: Alan Bennett's *An Englishman Abroad*, recounting an unlikely meeting in Moscow between the spy Guy Burgess and the actress Cornelia Brown, is one of the most fondly remembered television dramas. With a question of Attribution, created by the same team of Bennett, producer James Lloyd and director John Schlesinger, it has a worthy companion piece. Again the central figure is a spy. The then Sir Anthony Blunt is being investigated by MI5. They have discovered he is a Soviet agent but want to know more. At the same time Blunt is investigating a fake Titian. Bennett makes a witty and plausible link between the two and throws in a memorable encounter, in the gallery of Buckingham Palace, between Blunt and his employer. This is the Queen, played, as a pretty sharp cookie, by Prunella Scales. James Fox, the languid Blunt, while David Collier and Geoffrey Palmer lead for MI5.
- 10.30 Heart of the Matter: Children Should Be Seen and Not Heard**. Joan Bakewell examines the new Children's Act which allows children's wishes to be heard in a divorce court and care proceedings. Northern Ireland: God Knows 11.00 Heart of the Matter.
- 11.05 Japanese - Language and People**. Alan Booth explores the language and culture of travel in Japan (7).
- 11.35 The Sky at Night**. Patrick Moore finds out about the early discoveries of the malignant Hubble space telescope. Northern Ireland: Japanese - Language and People.
- 12.00 Mahabharat**. Episode 68 (7) Northern Ireland: 12.05 Mahabharat 12.45-1.10 The Sky at Night 12.40am Weather.

- 4.50 Motor Racing**. Live coverage of the Japanese grand prix.
- 6.50 But First This on 2**. Children's programmes beginning with *The Tree Behind the Chimney* 7.00 *Thumbelina* 7.25 *Tales of a Wise King* and the Devil. Animation 7.30 *Hallo Spencer*. Puppet series (7) (a) 7.50 *Playdays* (7) 8.15 *Bitzies*. Simon Pascoe and Caitlin Easterly recycle household junk into sometimes useful objects (7) 8.30 *Beetle*. Animated adventure of an elephant 8.55 *The Little Green Planet Show*. Science series (7) 9.10 *Blood and Ice*. Deborah and the Handmaids. Stories from the Old Testament - with a difference (a) 9.30 *Defenders of the Earth*. Cartoon (7). (Teletext) 9.50 *Blue Peter* 10.00 (7) 10.10 *The Boy From Andromeda*. Science fiction serial (a) 11.10 *Boxpops* (7) 11.50 *The O Zone*. Pop music magazine (a).
- 12.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes**. Wales: See Hear; Northern Ireland: Dail Sa Cúra 12.15 In the Garden.
- 12.30 Film 91 with Barry Norman** (7) (a).
- 1.00 Golf and Snooker**. Live coverage from Wentworth of the final of the Toyota World Match Play championship; and action from the Rothmans Grand Prix from the Hexagon, Reading.
- 4.45 Between Ourselves: Black Diamonds**. The people of Aberfan mark the anniversary of the tragedy that struck their village 25 years ago when 116 children and 28 adults died after a slag tip collapsed.
- 5.15 Rough Guide to the World's Journeys**. Mexico (7).



Back on the beat: Jack Warner as the friendly bobby (8.00pm)

- 6.00 Dixon of Dock Green (b/w)**. The season of golden oldies from the Lime Grove studios continues with the first television series to be based on a film. In *The Blue Lamp* Jack Warner's George Dixon tested out his police uniform before being recruited by young truck driver, but on television he survived through 367 episodes spanning 21 years. In this story, written by Ted Willis and first shown in August 1966, PC Dixon finds himself looking down the barrel of a gun held by Kenneth Cope.
- 6.35 The Money Programme: Franchises Fall Out**. Nick Higham examines the economic base of ITV.
- 7.15 The Birth of Europe**. The third in an excellent seven-part series about the impact of geology and nature on European history. This week's film looks at how the lack of arable land in Greece led to the colonisation of the Mediterranean shores; how the silver mines of Athens saved Western civilisation from the Persians; and how the Romans overcame the Alps to conquer Gaul. (CeeFax) (a).
- 8.10 Madness**.  
 ● CHOICE: Tonight's film brings Dr Jonathan Miller's five-part discussion past the half-way stage. He deserves praise for taking on a difficult theme and helping to make it intelligible to the lay audience. He cannot, of course, disguise the fact that madness is a sombre and unsettling subject and by their nature the programmes are not easy viewing. The overwhelming impression is that of a busy life on the international concert circuit. Schiff came from a musical family and started playing the cello at nine. He was already determined to be a soloist, to emulate idols such as Casals, Rostropovich and Menuhin and get his face on a record sleeve. Alan Bennett's agreeable film charts an apparently effortless progress and illustrates a versatility that embraces Bach, Shostakovich and even Scott Joplin. Schiff regrets that his workaholic parents had not spared more time at home. Nevertheless, he has willingly accepted to his commitments by making a second career as a conductor and taking charge of the Northern Sinfonia (a).
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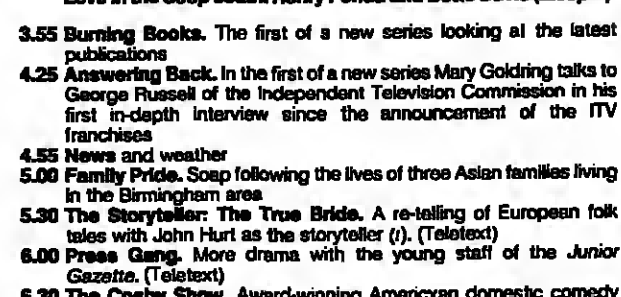
- 6.00 TV-am 9.25 Disney Club**
- 10.15 Link**. Peter White visits the ten-year-old Derbyshire Centre for Integrated Living. Is its future secure?
- 10.30 Morning Worship** from St Saviour's Centre for the Deaf, Acton.
- 11.15 The Human Factor: Back to Where We Belong**. As more and more young people are turning their backs on the Christian beliefs of their parents and grandparents, Ted Harrison visits communities in Liverpool, Leeds and London to find out the appeal of their newly-chosen faith - Islam. (Oracle)
- 11.45 Walden**. Brian Walden interviews William Waldegrave, the health secretary (a).
- 12.30 News with Sue Carpenter**. Weather 12.35 LWT News and weather.
- 12.40 Rugby World 91**. Frank Bough introduces live coverage of the second quarter-final beginning with the 1.00 game at Lansdowne Road: Dublin between Australia and Ireland. The commentator in Bob Symonds with expert comment from Bill Calcraft and Nigel Carr. Followed at 3.00 by New Zealand v Canada in Lille. The commentator is John Taylor with summaries by Steve Smith and David Kirk.
- 5.00 The London Match** presented by Brian Moore. Highlights from one of yesterday's first division football matches involving a London club.
- 6.00 Bullseye**. Darts and general knowledge quiz game (a).
- 6.30 ITN News with Sue Carpenter**. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather.
- 6.40 Appeal**. Miriam Stoppard with an appeal on behalf of the Association For All Students with international co-hosts.
- 6.45 Highway**. Sir Harry Secombe visits Britain's most easterly town - Lowestoft. (Oracle)
- 7.15 Blind Date Wedding of the Year**. Cilla Black attends the wedding of Alex Tatham and Sue Middleton whom she introduced on her show three years ago.
- 7.50 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries**. Episode one of three-part mystery. Mike Burden is on secondment to the Metropolitan police while Chief Insp Wexford is convalescing from surgery. But their paths cross again soon enough when Wexford unofficially investigates the murder of a young girl. Starring George Baker and Christopher Ravenscroft. (CeeFax)
- 8.50 London's Burnings**. More drama concerning the crew of a London fire station. (Oracle)
- 9.50 ITN News with Sue Carpenter**. Weather 10.05 LWT Weather.
- 10.10 Hale and Pace**. Comedy from Gareth and Norman (a).



Face on the sleeve: Austrian cellist Heinrich Schiff (10.40pm)

- 10.40 The South Bank Show**.  
 ● CHOICE: A profile of the Austrian cellist opens at the lake near Salzburg where he has made his home. The quiet waters and surrounding hills, here photographed through a thin mist, provide the evocative background to an international concert circuit. Schiff came from a musical family and started playing the cello at nine. He was already determined to be a soloist, to emulate idols such as Casals, Rostropovich and Menuhin and get his face on a record sleeve. Alan Bennett's agreeable film charts an apparently effortless progress and illustrates a versatility that embraces Bach, Shostakovich and even Scott Joplin. Schiff regrets that his workaholic parents had not spared more time at home. Nevertheless, he has willingly accepted to his commitments by making a second career as a conductor and taking charge of the Northern Sinfonia (a).
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- 10.00 A Week in Politics - Second Reading**. An up-dated version of Thursday's programme including armed forces minister Archie Hamilton on the opposition to the cuts in the British army.
- 10.45 Dennis**. Cartoon adventures of a mischievous boy.
- 11.00 Owl TV**. Wildlife and environmental series presented by Michaela Strachan (7). (Teletext)
- 11.30 The Lone Ranger: Triple Cross (b/w)**. Vintage western adventures starring John Hart as the masked hero.
- 12.00 Little House on the Prairie**. Classic series based on the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder about a family struggling to make a living on the Kansas plains during the 1880s.
- 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea**. Underwater adventure series starring Richard Basehart as the captain of a remarkable submarine.
- 2.00 Film: Jacob (1938, b/w)** starring Bette Davis, in an Oscar-winning role, and Henry Fonda. Stirring melodrama about a spoiled southern belle who loses the man she loves but redeems herself during the American civil war when she risks her life nursing him through yellow fever. Co-star Fay Bainter also won an Oscar for best supporting actress. Directed by William Wyler.



Love in the deep south: Henry Fonda and Bette Davis (2.00pm)

- 3.55 Burning Back**. The first of a new series looking at the latest in science fiction.
- 4.25 Answering Back**. In the first of a new series Mary Golding talks to George Russell of the Independent Television Commission in his first in-depth interview since the announcement of the ITV franchises.
- 4.55 News and weather**
- 5.00 Family Pride**. Soap following the lives of three Asian families living in the Birmingham area.
- 5.30 The Storyteller: The True Bride**. A re-telling of European folk tales with John Hurt as the storyteller (7). (Teletext)
- 6.00 Press Gang**. More drama with the young staff of the Junior Gazette. (Teletext)
- 6.30 The Cosby Show**. Award-winning American domestic comedy series starring Bill Cosby.
- 7.00 Equinox: The Elements**.  
 ● CHOICE: The Greeks thought there were just four elements, fire, water, air and earth. Modern science redefined that these were not elements at all. In any case there were many more than four. By the time Tom Lehrer wrote his "Element Song" in 1952 there were 102. At the latest count the total is 103. Ian Duncan's film takes its cue from Lehrer to present a painless and quirky guide to the subject, helped by verses from the poet Roger McGough and eye-popping special effects. The result will probably be enjoyed most by those who found school chemistry a bore and have hardly returned to the subject since. If you are fascinated by the thought that phosphorus was discovered by German alchemist boiling down urine or that no fewer than 20 elements go to make up the light bulb, this is the show for you. There is also the funny-sad story of the Zambian businessman who tried to convert his savings into gold. (Teletext)
- 8.00 The Last Train to Medicine Hat**. Murray Sayle on the second of his four-journey across Canada by train.
- 8.30 American Football**. The main game is the Houston Oilers at Miami Dolphins. Plus Tampa Bay Buccaneers at the New Orleans Saints.
- 10.00 Film: Rebel With a Cause (1955, b/w)** starring Marlon Brando and Lee Remick. The once notorious drama, banned in Britain until 1968 because of its violence, about a motorcycle gang that invades a small California town and terrorises the citizens. Directed by Laslo Benedek.
- 11.25 Film: Adukké, the Lords of the Streets (1988)**. A gangster thriller from the Ivory Coast about a young man who returns to Africa from France who turns to crime to provide himself with western-style wealth. Directed by Sipi Baketa. Ends at 1.05am.

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## Three die as storms batter land and sea

By KERRY GILL

A MAN was killed and more than 200 workers were air-lifted to safety yesterday as North Sea oil rigs were battered by gales and some of the worst seas in 20 years.

Although in the south of Britain winds were not as high as had been feared, two more people died in accidents caused by the gales. Winter's first snow fell at Longstone, Derbyshire. The weather will continue windy today and will be colder with gales in the North and East at first.

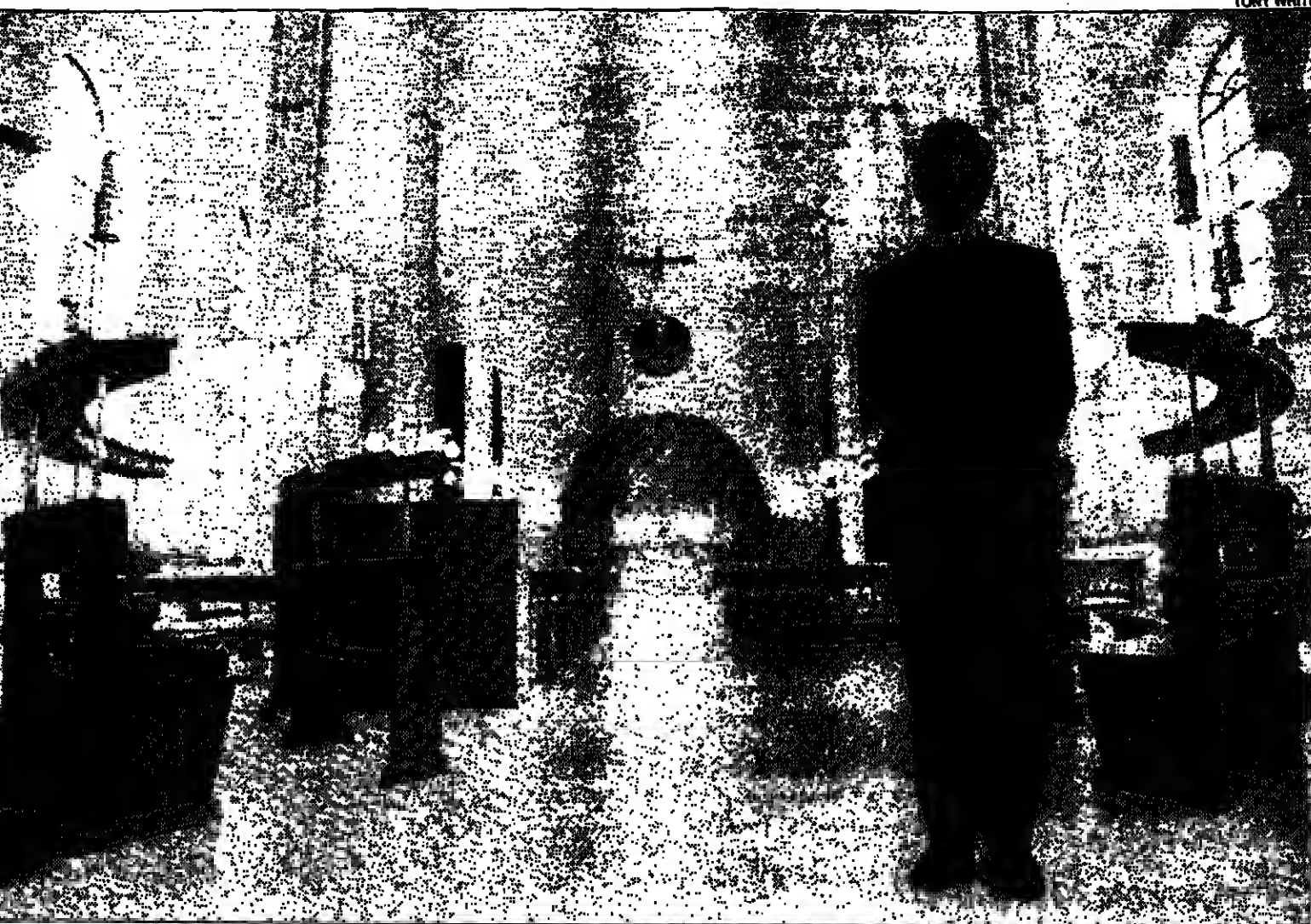
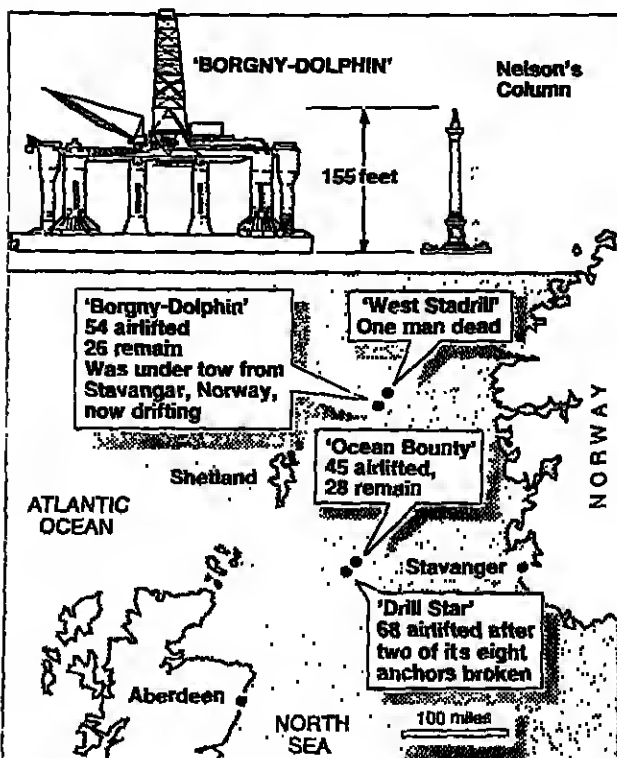
In the North Sea, one rig, the Borgny Dolphin, with 26 staff on board, was still drifting last night after its tow lines broke about 90 miles north-east of Shetland. On the West Stadhill rig, about 100 miles north-east of Shetland, Peter Curtis, a father of three from Marykirk, Grampian, died after being crushed by a container that shifted as the rig was hit by a 40-foot wave.

A spokesman for the rig's owners, Smedvig, said: "He was severely injured and died in the early hours of the morning."

At South Shields, Tyne and Wear, a man was swept off the south pier by a wave. An RAF helicopter, the Northumbria Police launch and a lifeboat made repeated attempts to reach him, but failed.

Darren Farmer, aged 18, of Stourport, Hereford and Worcester, died at Hartlebury, near Kidderminster, when his cycle was blown into the path of a car.

Off the Scottish coast, helicopters were airlifting oil-essential workers from three rigs in force-ten winds. Forty-five people were taken off the Ocean Bounty after it was hit by freak waves about 130 miles north-east of Aberdeen. Fifty-five were taken from the Drill Star.



## Dodging shells on road to Vinkovci

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an escalation of air attacks which are becoming an increasingly frequent aspect of the conflict. "Above all, we fear isolation. If Vinkovci falls and the Serbs close round us from the north, we will simply be under siege — or dead."

Like many soldiers near the frontline, he is critical of the Zagreb government for promoting a defensive war. "There is no reason to discuss the pros and cons of mobilisation. Everyone round here is mobilised already. The next weeks will be life or death for us," he added. "We need anti-aircraft guns. We are not scared of artillery or tanks but the air is our enemy."

When people venture out of doors it is with a wary eye on

the skies and a well-trained ear for the distance and nature of shells and mortars. In Osijek these days they are either in the middle of an air attack, waiting for one or recovering after it. As we drove into town, our undamaged car stood out inconspicuously amid the wrecks which litter the streets. Wary faces huddled under the awnings of the elegant buildings.

There were tight smiles of triumph. Croat forces had just shot down an army jet-fighter. "Three jets," improved one man. "Five," ventured another. It turned out to be one but for the people of Osijek, wishful thinking is a way of life. The people of Osijek are digging in for a catastrophic winter.

Regal renewal: Father Desmond Tiller admires the workmanship, above, in the Queen's parish church, St Peter's, Eaton Square, which has been restored from the devastation, below, of an arson attack in October 1987. The church reopens for worship tomorrow (Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent, writes). The church clock, which stopped at 9am on October 20, four years ago, will be restarted at the same time tomorrow. Six worshippers met



## Nuclear monitor supplied Baghdad

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inspectors had discovered a Wellcome drum containing piperonyl butoxide, used in fly spray, at an Iraqi military site. "We never supplied the drum to Iraq," he said. "We have checked our records as far back as they go, to 1982. It must have been supplied by a third party. As far as we are aware, the insecticide has no weapons application."

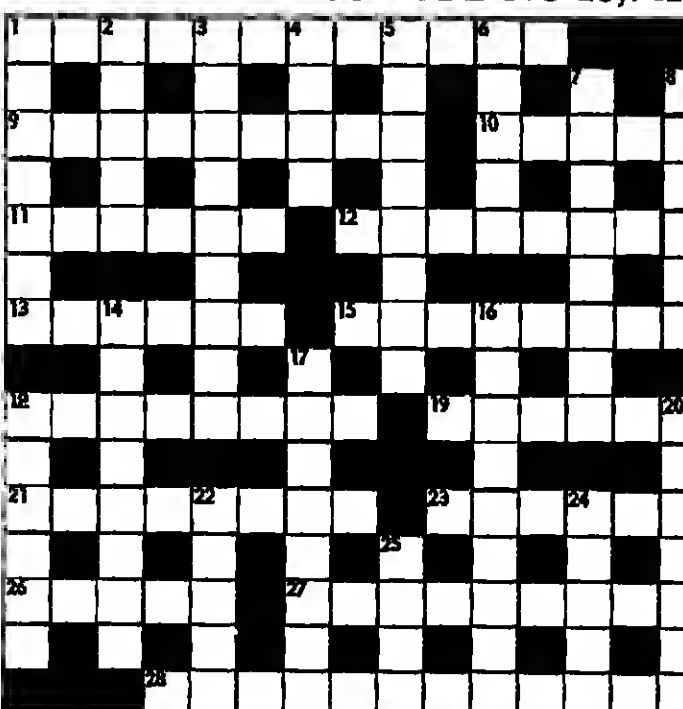
Davy Morris appears in the section on Scud missiles. Staff from the company travelled frequently to Iraq and the managing director, Peter Harrison, confirmed that the firm had supplied equipment to Iraq. "We supplied standard industrial cranes and lifts for local assembly. Often, we had no idea where our customers installed them."

The other firms on the list are Matrix Churchill, a Coventry-based machine-tool manufacturer, Sheffield Forgemasters, Walter Somers Ltd, of Birmingham, Destec Engineering, of Lincoln, and Amersham International, listed as having supplied diluted plutonium for the Tuwaina research facility. The UN inspectors listed another British chemical firm, but the trade department has asked for more information as it cannot find it, plus a small tool-making firm.

The inclusion of Walter Somers, Sheffield Forgemasters and Destec Engineering was expected. All three were involved unwittingly in the manufacture of Iraq's supergun. Walter Somers faced prosecution over its role in the manufacture of gun barrels but the charge was later dropped by Customs, which accepted that the firm had no knowledge of how the barrels were going to be used.

The trade department said: "We asked the UN at once to give us a list because we were anxious to investigate any possible breach of export controls at the earliest opportunity." The UN special commission will issue more lists in the next few weeks.

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- ACROSS**
- Unspeaking way person communicates (4,8).
  - Shot making a bang? (6,3).
  - Don't start to fester to low joint (13).
  - John, Lawrence, or David, for example (8).
  - Chap's said to take steps in this direction (8).
  - Debate's inconclusive, in the event (6).
  - Why rig e.g. reshuffle? It's party politics (8).
  - Player's combination with bishop and second piece (8).
  - Good tidings for farmer occur unexpectedly (4,2).
  - Impertinent long after drink's been taken (8).
  - Mistake by ringsider, the man in charge (6).
  - Headquarters of regional networks start again (5).
  - Holmes, for example, until his last bow (9).
  - Introduction to sign on for cricket side at the top (12).
- DOWN**
- Bird to shoot full of lead (7).
  - Cow in herd losing her relation (5).
  - Bloomers made by high-flier on London team (9).
  - Appropriate score (4).
  - Slack, we hear, without a teacher (8).
  - A changed man, Alice's intended (5).
  - Character trapped in ooze that's shallow (4,4).
  - It's just a state bank (6).
  - What might you get to test? Nine not out (8).
  - Metal mass-produced in plant (9).
  - Sex for Romans turning up during lascivious merry-making (8).
  - Support English in advance (6).
  - Moralistic type entertained by Caesar and Cleopatra? (7).
  - One who's minimally in debt might (5).
  - Offering one no odd parts in act (5).
  - Number subtracted from figures on graph (4).



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## WORD WATCH

By Philip Howard

- VIVERS**  
a. Oral examination at Oxford  
b. Yearling eels  
c. Food, eatables
- CEDULA**  
a. A subscript punctuation mark  
b. A S. American mortgage bond  
c. The cedar sapling
- ENGRAIL**  
a. To seek the Holy Grail  
b. To border with semicircular indentations  
c. A Swiss mountain railway
- VAR** a. A horse disease  
b. Value Added Reseller  
c. Cured stork's pelt used as fur

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## WEATHER

A cool, breezy day with some showers, the strongest winds

being in the north and east of Scotland and eastern England,

which will also see blustery showers. Elsewhere, showers will

be confined to north facing coasts with inland areas,

particularly the West, staying dry. Any showers over hills in

Scotland and northern England will fall as snow. Outlook

cold at first with some showers, but becoming milder.

MIDDAY: 1-4 thunder, 5-8 drizzle, 9-12 fog, 13-16 rain, 17-20 snow, 21-24 rain, 25-28 rain, 29-31 rain, 32-35 rain, 36-39 rain, 40-43 rain, 44-47 rain, 48-51 rain, 52-55 rain, 56-59 rain, 60-63 rain, 64-67 rain, 68-71 rain, 72-75 rain, 76-79 rain, 80-83 rain, 84-87 rain, 88-91 rain, 92-95 rain, 96-99 rain, 100-103 rain, 104-107 rain, 108-111 rain, 112-115 rain, 116-119 rain, 120-123 rain, 124-127 rain, 128-131 rain, 132-135 rain, 136-139 rain, 140-143 rain, 144-147 rain, 148-151 rain, 152-155 rain, 156-159 rain, 160-163 rain, 164-167 rain, 168-171 rain, 172-175 rain, 176-179 rain, 180-183 rain, 184-187 rain, 188-191 rain, 192-195 rain, 196-199 rain, 200-203 rain, 204-207 rain, 208-211 rain, 212-215 rain, 216-219 rain, 220-223 rain, 224-227 rain, 228-231 rain, 232-235 rain, 236-239 rain, 240-243 rain, 244-247 rain, 248-251 rain, 252-255 rain, 256-259 rain, 260-263 rain, 264-267 rain, 268-271 rain, 272-275 rain, 276-279 rain, 280-283 rain, 284-287 rain, 288-291 rain, 292-295 rain, 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**WEEKEND MONEY**

**Flying high**

British Airways, the airline headed by Lord King of Warraby, is fighting back after a year of recession and much increased competition on the important North Atlantic routes. After a number of stalled joint ventures, British Airways is now talking to Northwest, the American airline, and KLM, the Dutch airline, over setting up a new centre of operations, or hub, in Detroit. If successful, British Airways would be creating the first world airline jointly owned by a European and American company. Page 21



Anne McMechan, managing director of Framlington Unit, believes that investing in pharmaceuticals, hospitals, surgical equipment and clinical laboratories is a healthy start to unit trusts investment. Page 26

**Investors' clues**

Investors will receive more details about the effect of investment group costs on projected payouts but no more clues on the salesmen's fee if rules change. Page 24

**Seeing double**

The random allocation of personal identification numbers can mean that two members of the same family can be given the same number by the same bank. Page 24

**Payout offer**

Guardian Royal Exchange is offering a total of £200,000 to the clients of one of their former tied agents who has disappeared. Page 25

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Not all bank customers are dissatisfied with the service they are receiving. One reader tells how a replacement card was supplied within 14 hours. But another reader had to pay charges of £48.10 to close an account.

**Confident . . .**

It is nearly time for the autumn economic statement and the economy still appears flat. Figures yesterday suggest little money is being created in the economy. Page 20

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Sentiment among banks and building societies appears to be growing for the first time in two years although they report that business confidence is still poor. Page 21

**Focus on red**

Reality returned to television as HTV Group, the independent contractor that kept its Welsh franchise, reported a large loss. Page 21

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Shareholders in Brent Walker have been called to a meeting today by Alexei Orlov, a second generation White Russian count, to discuss rescue plans. Page 20

**Property loss**

The Scottish Metropolitan Property announced pre-tax losses of £8.4 million (£10.4 million profit) for the year to 15 August. The total dividend is 4.4p (6.75p). Page 22

**Frost sale**

The Frost Group of independent petrol retailers is coming back to the market with an offer for sale of 10.75 million shares at 235p each. Page 22

**Place your bets**



Four years after the stock market crash some investments are still grounded while others are taking off. Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell assess the winners and losers. Unit trusts have been outpaced by bank and building society accounts. Gold and platinum have suffered and vintage ports have fallen in real terms. Page 23

**WEEK ENDING**

Martin Waller

**Soaps in a lather**

In the topsy-turvy world of television, victory masquerades as disaster and failure as success. The latest TV franchise round is depicted as soap opera, but the true comparison, surely, is a Restoration comedy of identity, where the libertine is revealed as pure as driven snow and the ne'er-do-well unmasked as the rich and generous uncle.

How else to explain the sudden lurch southward of shares in Yorkshire TV and HTV on their retention of their banknote-printing presses for another ten years? Meanwhile, defeated Thames TV was on every broker's buy list, while TV-am shares were defying gravity even as the tears dripped into Camden Lock.

This last gives rise to a mind-boggling thought. Bruce Gyngell and his team will now be allowed to run the franchise for another 14 months while pulling as much cash as possible out of the business. Picture, if you can, an even more cheaply run TV-am. Roland Rat, this could be your finest hour.

Market-watchers were given a foretaste of what might happen once a few of



the franchise holders start to run out of money, say about two weeks into the new franchise period, when the stock exchange's TOPIC company announcement screens went blank on Tuesday. But the real opportunities for soap opera were elsewhere. The Channel tunnel, previously seen as a long-running Anglo-French co-production, abruptly flipped into courtroom drama as Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel chief executive, went to the High Court for an injunction to persuade the builders to keep building. Viewers are advised not to try this one at home when the plumber cuts up rough.

Across the Atlantic, the makers of *Hill Street Blues* and *St Elsewhere* might look to Wall Street for their next creation. After the woes of Salomon Brothers, blamed by an in-depth report drawn up by the bank itself on anyone who might have left recently, came news of \$885 million losses and a dropped dividend from Citicorp, which is presumably bad news for former employees of Vickers de Costa and Scrimgeour in London. And IBM, the lumbering computer dinosaur talking joint ventures with the smaller but fleetier Apple, saw third-quarter profits fall 85 per cent. Question: what do you get when you merge IBM with Apple? Answer: IBM.

Hilldown Holdings suffered a predictable flop for its £281 million cash call. *Emeraldale Farm* never had these problems. Still on special offer in the City: £432 million-worth of British Aerospace and £357 million of Asda. Don't all ask at once.

Dallas may have spudded dry but Chris Greentree's Lasino is offering a fair replacement, and £1.2 billion of his own shares in exchange for Ultramar.

Over on Channel 4, feminist drama company the Policy Studies Institute screened a biting production revealing that one manager in skirts. Successful women who flout this rule tend to do so by virtue of "personal exposure that is an inevitable consequence of political or family prominence," says the PSI study, joint author Lady (Elspeth) Howe. Her accompanying *curriculum vitae* features her husband's name ahead of her three non-executive directorships and her stint as deputy chairman (sic) of the Equal Opportunities Commission. QED.

**BUSINESS PROFILE: Peter Rawlins**

**Ruthless enemy of the status quo**

The chief executive of the London Stock Exchange is seen by some as an upstart, as Carol Leonard discovers

There are two schools of thought about Peter Rawlins, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange. Both are deeply entrenched and wholly incompatible.

One is held largely by the old guard of the Square Mile, those he has recently displaced as members of the Stock Exchange council, and those who continually hark back to the days before Big Bang when there was a trading floor and the exchange was perhaps the most exclusive gentlemen's club in Britain. They see him as a young upstart — he has just turned 40 — and question his actions and motives. They allude to the fact that he has no previous experience of the stock market. He is an accountant, was a partner of Arthur Andersen, the management consultancy, helped Ian Hay-Davison sort out the Lloyd's insurance market and then became managing director of Sturge, the biggest underwriting agency at Lloyd's.

Mention his name and they will laugh, a ridiculing, almost sneering laugh. "You mean wee Pete Rawlin' Rawlins," reply men 15 years his senior. "Who the hell does he think he is?" they add. Eventually, they will admit that he has done a good job and that he was the right man to do it, but they question his manner, express concern for the future and complain that he "talks down" to them.

Even within the exchange tower, where he is marginally more popular — he has, after all, reduced staff numbers by a third, to 2,000 — he is referred to as "our small leader". He is 5ft 10ins tall, but somehow he seems much smaller. He has an impish face, a slightly bulbous nose, a high forehead and thinning hair, but although not handsome, he is not unattractive.

The other school of thought, held largely by those on the periphery of the City establishment, accredits Rawlins with near-hero status. He has done precisely what needed to be done, they argue. The old Stock Exchange council was, they recall, jokingly described as living proof that there was life after death. They will tell you that Rawlins is extremely intelligent, refreshingly energetic and good company.

Rawlins is aware of these divided opinions. "Lots of people who don't know me see me as some arrogant, opportunist, career-driven individual, who has political ambitions, with a capital P," he says. "It staggers me, because nothing could be further from the truth."

He admits, however, that he does sometimes talk down to people. He also admits that even his mother is in awe of him, not because he rants and raves — he is given to irritation rather than temper — but because he has such a

**'Lots of people who don't know me see me as some arrogant, opportunist, career-driven individual, who has political ambitions'**

terribly frustrating. He drums a lighter on a packet of cigarettes. He is in perpetual motion.

Rawlins is also aware that because of his bluff, sometimes brash manner, people in the City often conclude that he must be thick skinned. "I have a strong and very private life and, given that, sufficient personal resilience, that I do have a fairly thick skin," he says. At the Stock Exchange council meeting when he pushed through his radical decision to change it into a new-style board, he informed the then council members that they were like "a load of dinosaurs".

Rawlins insists, however, that despite his urgent desire to change the status quo and to "get things done", he does not deliberately set out to ruffle feathers. "I sometimes take deliberately iconoclastic positions to keep people guessing and thinking. The day they can predict where I'm coming from is the day I cease to be an effective change

agent. But I hope I'm not in any way churlish." Does he care if people like him or not? "Of course I do, and I do genuinely hope I'm not leaving a sea of malevolent discontents out there."

He is irritated by pomposity, inefficiency, an inability to keep pace with him, and "the too easy acceptance, particularly in this country, of settling for second best". Rawlins regrets that he cannot play the piano when, in fact, he can play. What he means is that he is not a concert pianist. Everything he does he wants to do better than anybody else — or else he does not want to do it at all.

That need to prove himself stems from his childhood. The eldest of four children, born and brought up in London, Rawlins had high expectations imposed on him by his father, advertising director of a magazine group.

Stephen Mischler, a merchant banker with Citicorp and a lifelong friend, recalls how his own parents used to complain that it was unfair "of Pete's father to push him so much. He had to behave like someone much older than he was, he had to live up to his father's expectations." I tell him that Rawlins claims never to have been intimidated. "Except by his father," Mischler adds.

Rawlins' father died when Rawlins was at St Edward's boarding school, Oxford. Rawlins was 14. That was, he says, one of only two nights in his life when he was unable to sleep. It left what he describes as a "hole" in his life. "I cannot remember anything, except mundane events, between the ages of 14 and 17. It must have been the effect of my father's death. It bothers me a lot."

Rawlins explains that his father-in-law, Teddy Langton, once the senior partner of Stoy Hayward, became a surrogate father. Rawlins has known Langton's daughter, Louise, since he was 15. He calls him "dad" and, according to Mischler, has been determined since to prove that Louise married well, since Rawlins is a gentle and the Langtons are Jews.

Success has changed Rawlins. He has become more self-assured. He lives with his wife and two children in Wimbledon, south west London, has a holiday home in Burgundy and earned £250,000 last year. He stresses that that includes pensions contributions and bonus — Rawlins wants to retire before he is 50 and has planned accordingly. He would rather be at his house in France, writing plays. "I work to live, rather than the other way round," he says. He first wrote for the theatre when he was an undergraduate at Keble College, Oxford. His mother, now aged 63, was a professional actress and his maternal grandmother was an opera singer. Rawlins is a natural



Centre stage: Louise Rawlins (left) agrees that Peter, her husband, is anything but modest

performer, loves public speaking and hates being anything other than the centre of attention. Success has not, however, turned him into an establishment figure.

The popular image begins to change. Rawlins, although he claims to be "ruthlessly logical" and "cerebral but not an abstract intellectual", is emotional — he is moved by music and opera — sentimental and tactile. He will swear, sometimes to shock, "to make people listen", but in a "rather naff schoolboy way". In that same naff schoolboy way, he still uses words such as "brill" and "super". He agrees animatedly that he is a "child of the Sixties". He has, he says, an exceptionally high energy level, but only because he forcibly speeds up his metabolism by smoking and drinking coffee. "I'm naturally very lazy and I'm renowned for cat-napping — having a quick zizz — at my own dinner parties, just for two or three minutes."

Rawlins has no idea what he will do next. He is not cut out to be a figurehead — "I would offend too many people."

"I have lived on my wits for most of my life," concludes Rawlins. "I'm very conscious of that fact. One day, the adrenalin will stop flowing and the luck will run out and I hope I will then say to myself that it is time to ship out."

**Driven to distraction in Bangkok**

By ANATOLE KALETSKY  
ECONOMICS EDITOR

FORGET Soviet disunity. Third World debt and double-dip recessions. One subject monopolised the corridor chatter at this week's International Monetary Fund World Bank annual meeting.

That subject was Bangkok. Not Bangkok as in bizarre sex shows, psychedelically painted temples and cheap overnight tailors; but Bangkok, as in hell.

Bangkok has delights and hazards. The temples, the beautiful women and the delicious food are more than fairly matched against the rabid dogs, the humid weather and the obsessions with sex and AIDS (on Saturday, the

British ambassador dined with the wife of the Governor of the Bank of England at the restaurant Cabages and Condoms).

But all of these features are overwhelmed by Bangkok's defining characteristic — the monstrous, deafening, suffocating and motionless sea of cars. Los Angeles, London and Mexico City all have traffic jams. But Bangkok is a traffic jam. And nothing could have better brought out the city's essence than an annual meeting of the IMF.

These jamborees are carefully arranged to isolate participants from the host city's real life. The delegates' main objective is to maximise the number of opulent receptions attended per waking



hour. So the success of an IMF meeting can be measured as well by the speed with which blue-suited bodies are moved between air-conditioned spaces, as by the number of speeches denouncing

inflation and government debts. But in Bangkok, the shuttling broke down. Despite the three-day public holiday declared for the conference, a two-mile journey between hotels could take an hour. So why did the bankers not abandon their limousines and try walking? First, there is no reliable public transport, secondly, the traffic lights are manually operated, and thirdly, amid choking car fumes, walking is intolerable.

Bankers point to countries like Thailand as models for the future of the world. But if Bangkok's private affluence and public squalor are what lie in store for the world, one delegate returns with the conclusion: "I have seen the future and it doesn't work."

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# BA in talks with KLM and Northwest over Detroit hub



Sir Colin: secure position

By HARVEY ELLIOTT  
AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways is holding three-cornered talks with Northwest, the American carrier, and KLM, the Dutch national airline, over the creation of one of the world's biggest "hub" airports at Detroit.

Under the plan, BA would take a big stake in what could become the first global carrier owned jointly by airlines from Europe and America.

BA has long harboured ideas of becoming involved in a truly international network of inter-locking airlines. So far every plan has foundered either because the American carrier it had hoped to link with went into liquidation or because it became so successful in its own right

it no longer needed outside investment.

Northwest, however, is now seen as the ideal — and possibly last remaining — vehicle for BA to gain access to the vast American hinterland. With debts of more than \$1.5 billion, it has already persuaded KLM to buy 20 per cent of its equity. Elders, the Australian group, owns about 3 per cent. More investment is desperately needed.

Although it has 346 aircraft, it operates only five small transatlantic routes even though long-haul services are far more profitable than its enormous domestic network.

BA has a large transatlantic network serving 19 American gateway airports but no guaranteed access to the hinterland. If it could

plug into Northwest's internal network, therefore, both would benefit — Northwest by gaining high-value, intercontinental traffic, and BA by linking into the American domestic and commuter network.

If the talks, now focusing on financing, succeed, BA will be close to fulfilling its aim of becoming one of the world's first global carriers.

"Traditionally we have had a series of insular, regional air transport systems which fitted loosely together, sometimes haphazardly and often inconveniently," said Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, recently.

"Ultimately I believe we will have perhaps no more than ten global airline combines with multi-national ownership, operating from a

range of strategic hubs. The real competition among the major players in the industry as we head towards the year 2000 will be to gain a secure position as the strategic core and driving force of the first and most successful of these global carriers."

Detroit, a pivotal city within easy reach of virtually all the major urban centres of the Midwest and eastern seaboard, is dominated by Northwest, which flies round-the-clock "hub-stop" services to 59 American cities and a further 15 commuter routes. If BA could link up its daily services to the city with Northwest's domestic and commuter routes, it would be able to attract many more passengers, who would swap aircraft at Detroit and

fly either to Britain or Amsterdam. KLM shares a service with Northwest between Amsterdam and Minneapolis and plans to add Detroit next year.

Nobody at BA, KLM or Northwest would talk about the discussions, claiming it was "mere speculation".

Northwest was the subject of a \$3.65 billion leveraged buyout in 1989 and is anxious to shed its remaining \$1.5 billion debt. Under the plans, it would hand over its services to Gatwick, Glasgow, Frankfurt, Paris and Amsterdam to BA and KLM and concentrate on building up its domestic links and strong trans-Pacific network, to which neither of the proposed partners has access.

## Change of home planned by SE

By CAROL LEONARD

THE London Stock Exchange is to move from its 24-storey tower in Threadneedle Street, one of the most valuable sites in the City of London.

Peter Rawlins, chief executive of the exchange, says that a move from the coffin-shaped, concrete tower is part of his three-year plan for the venerable institution.

"I would be very surprised if we were still in this building in three years' time," he said. "This building is a child of its time, a real child of the Sixties, and it is wholly unsuited to the use to which it is presently put. It was designed to house back-offices for member firms."

He wants all the exchange's London-based employees — most of the 2,000 staff, now accommodated in nine buildings in the capital, to be housed under one roof.

Mr Rawlins said: "For all the massive technology we have, this is a people business. I can't get my arms around this, I can't infect it with my hope, enthusiasm, perhaps a bit of drive and direction, perhaps a bit of courage, from ivory towers. The idea that I'm sitting at the top of the ivory tower with the world down there is terrible. I cannot get out and walk the floors and let people see that this chap does not have two heads and green tails."

He would like the exchange to be situated "right in the thick of it", while realising, given the diverse geographical location of London's financial institutions, that the task will be hard. Mr Rawlins is believed to have a location in mind but is reluctant to disclose his intentions. "If I answered that I would be giving away all sorts of commercial secrets. There's a rather difficult property market out there, so I don't want to signal too early what I am going to do."

Property market analysts say the exchange's 260,000 sq ft tower could be worth about £120 million. The exchange also owns the freehold of two other properties in central London. Any profit would be reinvested "to enhance our services or to reduce charges", said a spokeswoman.

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## Burmah falls 28p on SHV stake sale

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Burmah Castrol, the lubricants and specialist chemicals group, slipped from 596p to 568p after SHV took advantage of higher share prices in the oil and gas sector to place its 9.1 per cent stake in the company.

A total of 16.5 million shares were placed with institutional investors through Cazenove, Burmah's broker, at 557p a share.

The disposal realised £91.9 million and ended any lingering hopes of a takeover by the private Dutch investment company for Burmah.

James Alexander, a director of Burmah, said that although relations between the two companies had always been friendly, the stake had been a source of instability. It represented SHV's entire holding.

SHV began building up its shareholding in Burmah after the two companies' joint bid for Calor, the bottled gas group, in 1987. The £820 million bid was allowed to lapse after the Calor board refused to endorse the terms but SHV, with 29.9 per cent of Calor, continued to own 44 per cent.

SHV's strategy appeared to be to link up Burmah and Calor and retain a substantial minority shareholding. However, Burmah rejected SHV's overtures.

Calor shares rose from 240p to 248p as energy analysts anticipated renewed share purchases by SHV, which has stated its intention to own 51 per cent of the company.

Last year, Calor shares were pushed up to 450p by speculation that Burmah may launch a bid but fell sharply after Burmah's £259 million hostile bid for Fosco, the specialty chemicals and abrasives company.

## Asda and British Aerospace rights remain 'in danger zone'

# Underwriters left with half Hillsdown issue

By MARTIN WALLER

THE £280 million rights issue from Hillsdown Holdings, the food group, was largely shunned by the market, leaving 52 per cent of the shares with the underwriters and raising the chance of humiliating flops for cash calls from British Aerospace and Asda.

Shares in the latter companies fell against the market trend. BAe lost 3p to 380p, equivalent to the price of its £432 million cash call, while Asda declined 1p to 41p, against a rights issue price of 35p.

Mike Unsworth, head of research at Smith New Court, the broker, said: "They are still in the danger zone. To that extent, the brokers involved in Asda and Aerospace's rights issues are going to be working very hard to try and make sure they are successful. It isn't good news but it's still difficult to predict the outcome."

BAe, whose issue closes at the end of the month, is still reeling from the events that led to the loss of Professor Sir Roland Smith as its chairman, but Asda received a boost this week with news that Archie Norman, the finance director of Kingfisher, was joining the team as the long-awaited new chief executive.

Sir Harry Solomon, the chairman of Hillsdown, said he was "naturally very disappointed" at the result, which he attributed to the

poor timing of the issue. "Maybe there was an over-estimate of the City's appetite for equity. There are a number of other issues about, and it was a surprise to the market as well, which didn't help."

Cazenove and SG Warburg, the company's brokers, immediately moved to limit the damage. A placing of the majority of the issue at just over the 210p issue price was unsuccessful. Hillsdown's shares at that time having already fallen to below that level.

Eventually, 14 million shares were placed at 201p, against a closing price of 206p, a fall of 7p on the day. A further 57 million shares were left with underwriters, and the company said last night that these were now regarded as firm holders.

While Hillsdown's shares had fallen with the market since the rights was announced last month, there had been hopes of a 70 per cent take-up, and advisers were clearly disappointed with the result.

Sir Harry said he continued to believe the rights issue was in the best interests of the company and its development. It left £280 million in the bank for expansion by means of medium-sized acquisitions that would bolt onto existing food businesses.

Analysts are sceptical about an early recovery in

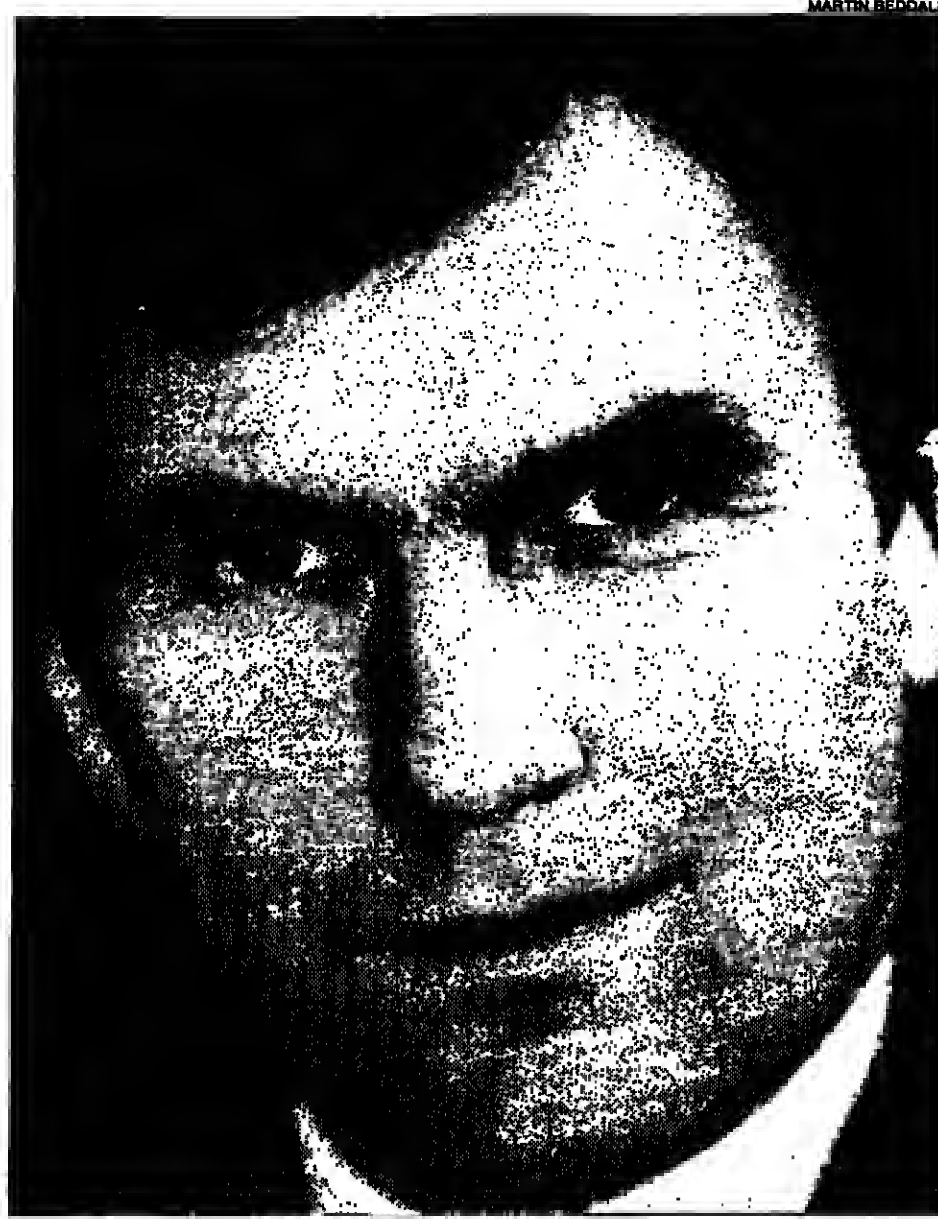
Hillsdown shares. The price was well below its year's peak of 265p after a bear raid in January sent it £1 lower, and the 210p rights issue price is seen as a natural barrier to further improvement. Should the price rise above this level, underwriters who chose to keep their shares, rather than see them placed at a loss at 201p, could start to sell.

One food manufacturing analyst said: "I think the point about Hillsdown was that unlike the other rights issues, when it was painfully clear why they needed a rights, in Hillsdown's case it wasn't."

He said the lack of a profit forecast cast doubt on projections that there was no problem with the balance sheet and current trading. Sir Harry's stated wish to make acquisitions ran contrary to the group's previously perceived strategy of concentrating on organic growth.

"Nobody wants to see them buy things because their recent buying record hasn't been very good." In particular, the market was not keen on acquisitions in a range between £40 million and £50 million, he added.

Sir Harry said the big food groups in Hillsdown's markets of Europe and North America were currently repositioning themselves and selling core businesses, his own company included. This, he added, gave rise to buying opportunities.



Boost for Asda: Archie Norman, who joins from Kingfisher to become chief executive

## HTV loses £4m after £4m profit

By OUR CITY STAFF

HTV Group, the independent television contractor that retained the licence for Wales and the west of England in the latest franchise round, slumped from a pre-tax profit of £4.25 million to a loss of £4.84 million in the first half of this year. But HTV is holding the interim dividend at 1.5p.

Louis Sherwood, the chairman, is forecasting no profits in the current year.

The likely outcomes range between breakeven and a loss of £1 million. HTV will also take a provision below the tax line of £3 million to £4 million from an extensive restructuring agreed by the board on news of the successful franchise bid was known.

This raises the possibility of further redundancies on top of the 352 jobs that have been lost since 1989 and that have cut the television side's workforce to about 900.

Charles Romaine, the chief

executive, said the group's share of ITV's advertising revenue grew from 6.23 per cent to 6.26 per cent. He dismissed City fears that the £20.5 million bid needed to secure the franchise would undermine HTV financially, saying that the group would be in "substantial profit" from 1993 onwards because of cost savings implemented.

The shares rose 4p to 46p.



Sherwood: big provisions

## Hanson's £351m bid details posted

By ANGELA MACKAY

DOCUMENTS containing the details of a recommended £351.4 million offer by HB Acquisitions, on behalf of Hanson, for Beazer's ordinary and preference shares, were posted to the construction and building material group's shareholders yesterday.

Ordinary shareholders are being offered 90p and one new Hanson warrant per Beazer share, which values the stock at 123.5p a share.

Holders of the cumulative redeemable preference shares will receive 104p a share with 4p of this amount representing accrued dividend.

The new Hanson warrants are identical to the existing Hanson warrants that were issued when the conglomerate bought Consolidated Gold Fields in 1989.

The warrants will be listed on the London Stock Exchange and on the American Stock Exchange, as opposed to

the New York Stock Exchange as originally stated. In his letter to Beazer shareholders, Lord Hanson, the bidder's chairman, said: "I am confident that this recommended offer is in the best interests of all shareholders and employees... and represents a timely opportunity for Hanson to extend its existing successful operations in the United States and in the United Kingdom, in partnership with Brian Beazer and his management team."

Mr Beazer, the Beazer chairman, said yesterday: "Beazer's ability to withstand the impact of the recession and the resultant pressure on cash flow and borrowings will be strengthened by joining Hanson."

Notice of an extraordinary general meeting on November 11 for the holders of Beazer's convertible stock was also dispatched. First closing date for the offer is November 18.

## Caution escorts rise in confidence

By PHILIP BASSETT  
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS confidence among banks, building societies and other financial services companies is growing for the first time for almost two years, the Confederation of British Industry says.

The findings of the latest CBI survey into the financial services sector showed that for the first time since this quarterly series of surveys began, companies were on balance more optimistic about the overall position of business. However, their business volumes are still poor, more people are likely to lose their jobs, and the majority of companies still see no improvement in overall business confidence.

But ministers who are looking for any signs of improvement in confidence in support of their claims of a recovery in the second half of the year will take the survey's findings as further evidence

that their views are correct. The survey, carried out by the confederation and Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, shows a marked improvement in overall business confidence. The balance of companies — those seeing an improvement against those seeing a decline — rose from minus 13 per cent in June to plus 22 per cent now.

However, 64 per cent of those surveyed are still no more confident than they were, and confederation economists cautioned that even those registering increased confidence were dependent on the expected improvement in business actually being realised in the months ahead.

Of all companies surveyed, 61 per cent said their current level of business was still below normal. Business volumes are still declining, too, although less sharply than they have in the past year. A balance of 13 per cent believe

that business volumes will improve over the next three months. Financial services companies have seen their business with financial institutions and private individuals grow over the past three months. However, trade with industrial and commercial companies has continually fallen over the period and is set to decline further, albeit less steeply.

Sudhir Junankar, deputy economics director of the confederation, said the results suggested that financial services companies had reached the bottom of the recession. However, the confederation gave a warning that the increase in confidence was based on an expected upturn in consumer activity.

Charges and prices continued to increase, but the sharp cuts in staff carried out by the banks, building societies and finance houses are expected to continue at the same rate.

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## Home equity 'ban' overdue

### COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK  
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR



Next week brokers will be told that they are virtually banned from selling schemes which buy investment bonds with money borrowed on the value of the client's home. And not a moment too soon.

The Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association is sending guidance notes on equity home income schemes to its members for the first time, four years after the stock market crash and years after concern about the schemes was first raised.

This comes after a campaign by Age Concern, the charity, to help many elderly people who face losing their homes because of such schemes, many of which were taken out when investment bonds and house prices seemed capable only of rising. The homeowners now know to their tragic cost how much difference falling bond returns and rising interest rates can make. When the schemes were sold these risks often were not pointed out.

Under the new regime this

should never happen. In the very rare circumstances that such schemes can be sold the investor will have to sign a copy of a risk warning and will be given a copy of it. Before doing so they should also be shown what effect different interest rates and growth rates would have on the home income scheme.

The risk warning issued on the broker's headed paper points out that many investors in the past have seen their capital invested in an insurance bond diminish over the years and in some cases be wiped out altogether so that the payments on the loan could no longer be met by the bond.

It also makes sure that investors know that house prices may not keep pace with an increasing loan and that there is a real danger that they will be asked to make payments themselves in the future. The illustrations to

show what might happen in various market conditions include a projected cash value for the fund if there is a zero growth rate, and must show how much would be taken from the bond to meet the interest payments on the loan. The loan interest rate used in calculations can either be an average of the past five years or the current rate of interest, whichever is higher.

If the scheme allows interest to be deferred, then the projection must state how much interest will have been added after five, ten, fifteen and twenty years, and also

when the loan will reach 75 per cent of the value of the property. Fimbra cannot ban products. However, anyone who reads the warnings cannot be expected to go ahead.

### Self-defence

Investors who want to know exactly how much a salesman earns in commission for selling an insurance policy or investment before they agree to buy a policy should send in their comments on the Securities and

Investments Board's proposals on disclosure.

The Consumers' Association and the Office of Fair Trading should be fighting the consumer's corner. SIB is likely to be bombarded with submissions from interested groups, such as brokers and life companies spelling out the advantages of telling investors about costs rather than commission.

But investors need to fight for themselves. The restricted amount of disclosure allowed at the moment means that salesmen can get away with selling an insurance bond (paying 5.5 per cent commission) when a unit trust would be more suitable (but would earn the salesman just 3 per cent commission). Investors have no means of comparing commission paid on different policies and must put pressure on SIB to find a way of doing this.

Insurance companies have so far managed to persuade the regulators that it is too complicated to work out at the point of sale. Yet salesmen seem pretty adept at working out how much they have made from a deal.

The opinions of investors do matter. The banks were astonished when so many of their customers responded to their draft code of practice, most of them unfavourably. The result was a drastic rewriting of the code: a victory for the customers. Investors should tell SIB that expressing the costs of a policy as a reduction in the policy proceeds is unnecessarily complicated for people to understand, and relies on projections that may not be fulfilled while the costs will always be incurred.

The legislation is supposed to protect investors. They will have to make sure it does.

The deadline for comments is December 20. People should take advantage of the opportunity to make their views known.

## Black Monday: Where have all the pieces gone?

### PROPERTY

HOUSE prices have increased on average by 40.7 per cent since the crash, according to the Halifax building society. But while some people choosing bricks and mortar as a safe haven in the wake of the crash would have made an 80 per cent profit, in other parts of the country the average increase works out at less than 1 per cent a year.

House prices in Yorkshire and Humberside have risen by 80.3 per cent since the crash. In October 1987 the average was £30,095 and last month it reached £55,087. In Greater London, prices averaged £76,292 in October 1987. Since then the largest lender's index for the region has risen just 3.4 per cent.

At the time of the crash prices in London were increas-

ing at the rate of 22 per cent a year. The Budget announcement the following year that multiple tax relief was to be withdrawn pushed up prices further. Low interest rates also fuelled confidence in the property market. But since the peak a year after the crash, prices have fallen back by about 20 per cent.

East Anglia had the strongest property market in October 1987, with prices rising by 27 per cent a year. The average price was £53,978. The index

has risen by 10.1 per cent since the crash and the average price of properties sold last month was £60,168. Base mortgage rates stood at 11.25 per cent in October 1987 and were soon on their way down to 9.8 per cent the following May 1988. But after a short summer of low rates they started climbing steadily to the record rate of 15.4 per cent from last March to November. After eight base rate cuts the standard mortgage rate is now 11.5 per cent.

WHILE some Impressionist paintings sold in 1987 would be expected to fetch a lower price if sold today, prices for most other items at auction have risen steadily, say auctioneers. Impressionist paintings rose dramatically from 1987 until the end of 1990. The paintings that would now fetch lower prices than four years ago are second-rate ones which sold at high prices and have now returned to realistic levels according to Phillips, fine art auctioneers.

Antiques and paintings should not be viewed as investments, but they are by most owners, who want to feel they have an appreciating asset. Because no two pieces are exactly the same it is impossible to compare prices precisely but the Sotheby's Art Index gives a good indication of the international art market as a whole. This stood at 512 at the end of 1987, having started at 100 in 1975. It had doubled by the end of 1989 to 1,038, and then fell back to 983 by the end of last year. When the dollar-based index is recalculated at the end of the year, a further fall is expected.

Christie's reports that traditional collectors have fared well over the four years. It is the speculators who have come unstuck. English and continental porcelain, nineteenth and twentieth century photographs, sporting guns, furniture, old master paintings and drawings and furniture have performed consistently well, says Christie's.

English furniture which ended 1987 at 634 in the Sotheby's index was at 867 by the end of last year. Phillips estimates that 12 George III carved mahogany dining chairs which sold in 1987 for £15,000 would now fetch £25,000. A Chippendale period carved gilt wood mirror sold for £7,500 four years ago could now attract £12,000.

The silver market has been very static during the four years, says Phillips. A George III cake basket sold for £12,000 in 1987 would sell for about the same price now. Christie's says that top quality pieces have performed well. European ceramics have also been strong. A London delaware table salt circa 1690 sold for £19,000 in 1987, would now be valued at £40,000. An early eighteenth century wassail bowl which was sold for £11,000 ahead of the crash would now be expected to sell for £40,000 at auction.

In 1987 a mid-nineteenth century Chinese fan sold for £480; in the most recent sale at Phillips a similar fan sold for £700.



### INVESTMENT TRUSTS

INVESTMENT trusts took their fair share of battering from the crash but the number of private investors with money in these trusts was far lower than it is now.

Anyone investing £100 in the average investment trust, company at the beginning of October 1987, just before the crash, would have seen it fall to £75.90 by the beginning of November. According to statistics from Micropal, investment trusts did slightly better than the FT all-share index, which would have reduced £100 to £73.50 over the same period. By the beginning of December, the £100 in an investment trust would have been eroded further to £68.50, slightly better than the FT all-share, where the £100 would have been worth £66.20.

An investment of £5,000 just after the crash in the average investment trust would have been worth £8,000 four years later.

Although investment trusts showed a similar pattern to unit trusts during the crash, the Association of Investment Trust Companies said investment trusts performed better in a bull market and tended to be at a disadvantage if the market fell.

THOSE deciding not to drown their sorrows after the crash but to cellar their wine in the hope that it would make up for other losses will have done best if the wine was not ready for drinking in 1987.

1986 Bordeaux bought in the autumn of 1987 has risen by an average of 63 per cent, according to Lay & Wheeler, the wine merchants. With a few exceptions, semi-mature wine has not fared so well. 1982 Bordeaux have shown an average rise of 25.4 per cent.

Over the same period, 1963 vintage Croft port has increased by 2.9 per cent and the 1977 vintage an average 3.7 per cent. In the two years to the crash Warre's 1977 had risen by 46 per cent.

The auctioneer reports that wine prices peaked in 1989 and eased back last year. The sales so far this autumn show they are moving up again.

HOLDERS of with-profits life and pensions policies emerged relatively unscathed from the crash, at least in terms of the bonuses added to policies. These continued to increase every year, particularly on high-profile 25-year endowments, which are usually linked to mortgages. But companies are relying increasingly on terminal bonuses, added to policies the year they mature, while reversionary bonuses, added every year of the policy, are sometimes cut. The terminal bonus represents more than half the total payout from the majority of the top 10 insurers.

Insurance companies have pushed themselves to the limit in the last four years to increase bonuses on longer-term policies, cutting shorter ones and digging into their reserves in some cases to maintain levels. This year is

likely to be the first since the crash that bonuses will be cut across the board. Insurers can no longer afford the high levels.

The crash hit insurance company investments hard, because with-profits funds invest in equities as well as fixed-interest stocks and bonds. However, with-profits policies act to smooth out the peaks and troughs of the stock market, so investors whose policies matured in the year after the crash did not feel the impact.

Statistics from Planned Data Services show that on October 1, 1988, a year after the crash, two of the top insurers, Standard Life and Norwich Union, both raised reversionary bonuses slightly on a 25-year endowment policy for £100 a year taken out by a man aged 30 on his birthday. Standard Life paid £4,031, up from £3,859 while Norwich Union paid out £6,087, up from £6,059. The company held its terminal bonus at £6,059 while Standard Life paid out £8,859, up from £8,619. Maturity values for policies from both companies increased, at Standard Life from £14,775 to £15,187 and at Norwich Union from £14,494 to £14,552.

A further mini-crash in October 1989, the uncertainties created by the Gulf crisis and a continuing recession pulled unit prices down again throughout most of last year. America did not escape. With \$500 billion wiped off the New York Stock Exchange in one day on October 19, 1987, it was not surprising that a £100 investment in the best performing US fund, the Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies fund, fell by 8.9 per cent over five days. Over the four years since the crash £100 invested in the fund would have increased to £273.61. But investors in the Waverley Canadian Balanced Growth fund would now have only £63.10 for their £100.

In 1987, the uncertainties created by the Gulf crisis and a continuing recession pulled unit prices down again throughout most of last year.

For non-taxpayers with National Savings investment accounts, so as not to pay tax unnecessarily, £5,000 invested on Black Monday would now be £7,600.33. During the four years, the lowest rate offered on the account was 8.5 per cent in the spring of 1988, and the highest was last year when it rose to 12.75 per cent. Inflation was 30.8 per cent between October 1987 and September this year. That compares with the 46 per cent rise on the Halifax account after basic rate tax and the 52 per cent increase on the National Savings for non-taxpayers.

### GOLD AND PLATINUM

THE traditional rush for gold at times of crisis pushed the price up from around \$450 an ounce in October 1987 to \$490 by the end of the year. It then slid by \$130 until Kuwait was invaded in August last year, when it rallied to almost \$420 before falling back again.

Those who bought at the time of the crash have seen prices fall by around \$100.

Pre-crash, platinum was more valuable than gold, topping \$550 an ounce. After a brief \$600, it has fallen to almost \$200 below the October 1987 level.

INVESTORS who had piled eagerly into unit trusts watched with horror as share prices collapsed, losing individuals and companies billions of pounds in hours. Many of these investors were new to equity investment, tempted by a market boom which had lasted almost unbroken since 1975.

In the days just before the crash, £5,000 invested in the average unit trust six years earlier would have been worth £22,500, according to figures from Micropal, the investment specialist. In the days after the crash, the value of the investment would have fallen by a third to £15,000. However, many unit trust groups suspended deal-

ings after the crash, making it difficult to tell how much their funds would have fallen. Micropal said that if all groups had continued to deal, funds would have probably fallen by between 25 and 30 per cent.

The value of a £5,000 investment in the average UK equity fund is now £6,716 after four years if all the income is reinvested. An investment of £100 in the Schroder UK Equity fund, the best performing UK equity fund since the crash, would now be worth £162. Investors in the sector's worst performing fund, Cornhill UK equity, would have seen their £100 fall to £90.49 over four years.

Those with money in Europe, the Far East and

### BUILDING SOCIETIES AND NATIONAL SAVINGS

SAVERS with building society or bank accounts have fared relatively well since the crash. But the 22 bank base rate changes have made it difficult to keep track of competitive rates over the period.

Someone investing £5,000 on Black Monday in a Halifax Building Society 90-day account would today have £7,319.29 if they had made no withdrawals. Non-taxpayers could have more, as since April 6 this year savings institutions have been able to pay interest without deduction of tax. This can be done on accounts

belonging to people who have declared that they are non-taxpayers.

Interest rates fell after the crash. The low point was in the summer of 1988 when bank base rates came down to 7 per cent and Halifax savers with £5,000 were getting 6.25 per cent on the premium 90-day account. From the late summer of 1988 they began to rise until the 15 per cent base rate imposed in November 1989. This led eventually in March to a net return of 10.25 per cent on the 90-day account. Savers are now getting 6.79 per cent net on £5,000.

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Insurance company to repay Centrust victims 'with reasonable link'

## GRE raises compensation hopes

By Jill Insley

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange is set to make new offers of compensation to investors who lost money through Jake Reynolds, a GRE tied agent.

The insurance company says it expects to offer full repayments of premiums plus interest, totalling about £200,000, to a possible 200 regular premium policyholders.

Repayments will not be automatic. Policyholders will have to establish a "reasonable link" with GRE. Explaining, Tim Lloyd Williams, general manager financial services, says: "Where there is a link between the loss and GRE arising because Reynolds was a tied agent, there is no quibble. We have to take that on the chin."

"We are certainly not looking for a policy. A properly completed application form would be regarded as a clear link with GRE and monies invested."

The ows will provide little relief to the 230 investors who have lost an estimated £8 million through Mr Reynolds's Norfolk financial advisory firm, Centrust. The firm ceased trading in February after the Bank of England took out an emergency injunction freezing Mr Reynolds's assets, and began investigating whether he had been taking illegal deposits.

It soon became clear that Norfolk police had been investigating the Croner firm's activities several months previously, and that GRE had been aware of the police enquiry.

The insurance company has since contacted all Centrust clients, and has separately offered £130,000 to 19 claimants who held GRE investment bonds. But more than half have refused to accept GRE's first offer of compensation, fearing they would lose



Flowers for £33,000: Lavinia and Frank Andrews, who lost their savings

the right to claim for even greater sums invested through Mr Reynolds. Mr Reynolds disappeared in February.

This month's expected compensation offer will come too late for many investors. Frank and Lavinia Andrews, pensioners, were forced to sell their seaside retirement home six months ago to raise money, and now share their son's house in Norwich. Mr Andrews has returned to work at the age of 77 as a stand-by

pharmacist to make ends meet.

The Andrews met Mr Reynolds in 1984 and invested £120,000 during the course of the next seven years. In the autumn of 1990 they withdrew two separate sums of £30,000 from their building society to invest through Centrust. Mr Reynolds said he would take care of the paperwork.

Then in February Mr Reynolds rang the Andrews and

and disappeared the next day. Her life has been destroyed."

GRE has compensated Mrs Andrews to the tune of £5,000 for an investment bond cashed by Mr Reynolds without permission.

Peter Buckell, a spokesman for the Centrust-GRE Investors Action Group, and his father Desmond could lose their home, if they continue to fall behind on mortgage repayments. The Buckells were advised by Mr Reynolds to remortgage Desmond Buckell's home for £70,000 to raise money for investment in Peter's business.

Part of the £70,000 was used for the business but Mr Reynolds said the rest should be invested with GRE. The interest from the investment would cover the mortgage, he said.

When Mr Reynolds vanished last February, the Buckells found they were nine months in arrears on their mortgage with lender National Home Loans. Peter Buckell says he has reduced the arrears to £10,000, but the lender has taken out a repossession order on the house, which could be served from November 14 onwards, if his arrears are not cleared in the next 18 months.

Mr Lloyd Williams says lengthy checking of individual cases has been necessary to protect the interests of GRE policyholders. The company seems unlikely to pay out on bank deposits collected illegally by Mr Reynolds.

Mr Lloyd Williams says: "Personally I'm moved by a number of the cases which have been put to me. Of course I found a number of the cases very distressing, but the life funds cannot act as a solution to distressing cases."

This may puzzle those investors who believed they were GRE policyholders after investing through Centrust.

## Safety of PINs queried

By Lindsay Cook, MONEY EDITOR

THE use of personal identification numbers to safeguard access to savings and cheque accounts via cash dispensers is called into question by a mother and daughter who were given the same number.

Mrs Marjorie Humphreys and Julia, her daughter, both have savings accounts with the same branch of Abbey National in Hornchurch, Essex, and lived at the same address when the numbers were issued.

Until recently, they were ignorant of this strange coincidence. Mrs. Humphreys said: "You never discuss your PIN number with anyone else. It is one of those things you keep secret. I have had mine for a few years and not told anyone the number."

"It was only when Julia needed some money and did not have time to get to the

bank that she gave me her card and wrote down the number," Mrs. Humphreys thought she must have got it wrong, but she was able to withdraw money from her daughter's account using the same PIN number as she herself has issued.

"People don't talk about their numbers. I wonder how many would find they have the same number as people close to them," Mrs. Humphreys said. Her daughter has changed her number.

Numbers are printed randomly by computers used by banks. They are then sealed in envelopes without any member of the bank staff seeing them.

Banks maintain that if lost or stolen cards are used by someone using the correct PIN number it must have been given to them by the account holder. Under the banking

## BRIEFINGS

FROM next September, independent intermediaries joining the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association will have to pass a minimum competence test before they are allowed to advise and sell investments covered by the Financial Services Act.

The Chestnut Building Society has sent members details of its proposed merger with the Bristol & West society. There will be a special meeting for Chestnut members on November 13 and if members agree, the merger will go ahead on December 30.

Chestnut investors will receive a bonus of 0.5 per cent or £5 per account, whichever is greater, as long as they held an account on June 24 1991 with a balance of at least £100. Borrowers will have to pay one month's interest if they redeem their mortgage early rather than three. The rate of

interest will be brought into line with Bristol & West's.

FirstDirect, the telephone banking arm of the Midland bank, is offering a mortgage fixed at 9.99 per cent (APR 10.9 per cent) until September 30, 1993. The offer is available on pension or endowment mortgages. There is a redemption fee of three months' interest for early repayment. There will be an arrangement fee of £100.



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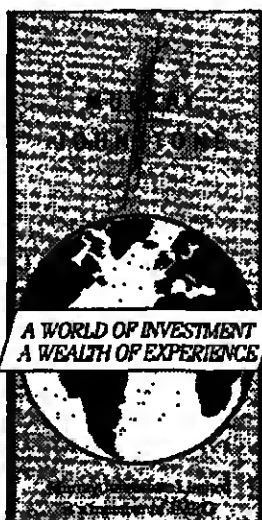
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## Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 29).

Share	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
1	+1	+2	+3	+2	+5			
2	+5	+3	+4	+2	+4			
3	+5	+8	+4	+3	+8			
4	+2	+4	+2	+2	+8			
5	+5	+5	+4	+4	+4			
6	+5	+4	+4	+1	+3			
7	+3	+4	+8	+4	+4			
8	+3	+3	+2	+1	+8			
9	+5	+8	+2	+2	+8			
10	+4	+5	+5	+7	+3			
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13	+4	+5	+5	+5	+3			
14	+4	+4	+4	+2	+5			
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36	+3	+4	+7	+5	+3			
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## LETTERS

## Charge for form may exceed interest to be paid

From A.E. Watson  
Sir, May I add a word to the current controversy over bank charges.

On the abolition of the composite rate tax, tax is being deducted from bank interest at the standard rate and in appropriate cases such tax will, in part, or in total be repayable.

On enquiry at my bank as to what form of certificate will be

issued for production to the Inland Revenue to support such a claim I was informed that £8 (later reduced to £6.50) would be charged for the issue of such a certificate.

I imagine that in the case of bank interest no vast number of people will be involved, though that will be no consolation for those that are, but that surely will not be the case with building society interest. Are

the building societies going to charge for the issue of such a certificate and if not how can the banks justify such a charge which may, in a number of cases, exceed the amount repayable.

Yours faithfully,  
A.E. WATSON,  
1 Culloden Close,  
Eaton Ford,  
St. Neots,  
Cambridgeshire.

He's been mugged by the financial advisers.



## Relating to the public

From Mr G.P. Armstrong

Sir, As a moderate investor in the Nationwide Anglia Building Society I almost shed a tear to see the letter from their chief executive to yourself (Weekend Money, October 12) undertaking personally to deal with any enquiries or complaints not being satisfactorily serviced. For it reminded me so of my one-time employers, the former Distillers Company Limited, whose chairman, when confronted for the first time with a management consultant's advice that a public relations officer was needed, at once declared "there's only one person around here authorised to relate to the public and I am he".

Good luck to Tim Melville-Ross. My wife and I have been quite well served so far (and by his staff too); we wish them all well.

Yours faithfully,  
PAUL ARMSTRONG,  
Norley Farm, Shamley Green,  
Guildford, Surrey.

## Fimbra replies

From the chairman of Fimbra  
Sir, I am surprised at the venom in Lindsay Cook's Comment "Innocent will pick up Fimbra pieces" (October 5).

To help redress the balance may I point out:

1. That the review commissioned by the Securities and Investments Board covers the whole field of retail regulation, not just Fimbra (Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association).
2. The review is to be completed early in 1992. Why, then, do investors "face years of wrangling and uncertainty while the Securities and Investments Board decides who should authorise and regulate independent financial advisers?"
3. Of course, under the Inves-

tors' Compensation Scheme, those who do not cause losses pay for those who do. That is the nature of insurance.

4. To say that Fimbra wanted to "wriggle out" of its compensation liabilities is a travesty. We were advised that the rules of the Investors' Compensation Scheme were ultra vires in providing no cut-off date for liabilities and this view was upheld by the High Court. I take it Ms Cook would not wish us knowingly to contravene an unlawful payment.

5. To suggest that Sir Kenneth Clucas will not be impartial in his review is unworthy. Yours faithfully,  
GORDON DOWNEY,  
Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association,  
Hertsmere House,  
Hertsmere Road,  
E14.

## Awaiting payment

From C.T. Wyatt

Sir, I was interested to see the letter from Mr Hardyman (Weekend Money, October 12) and the very appropriate cartoon "Waiting for Godot". My tax adviser wrote to Scottish Widows on June 26 and again on October 1 for pension premium certificates covering the years 1987-8, 88-9, 89-90 and 90-1 so far without result. This was not the first time.

The amount of tax to be reclaimed is now more than £20,000 and the interest cost to me more than £2,000 each year. Do you agree that I have a good case to recover this from Scottish Widows? Yours faithfully,  
C.T. WYATT,  
The White House,  
St Martin's Avenue,  
Epsom, Surrey.

## Forced to pay commission

From Dr F.H.H. Valentin

Sir, I was not surprised to read (Weekend Money, October 12) of the inadequate standards set by Lauto. But why should one be forced to pay large commissions to "financial advisers", who often know less about insurance products than oneself, in order to invest one's money in a

personal pension, forced to indeed by the income tax rules for the self-employed? So much for this wonderful "choice" so beloved by our prime minister.

Yours faithfully,  
F.H.H. VALENTIN,  
Elm Tree House,  
Letchworth,  
Hertfordshire.

## 'Swallowed' card returned in 14 hours

From A.M. Kerr

Sir, We hear a lot of bad P.R. about banks and obviously a lot is true and accurate.

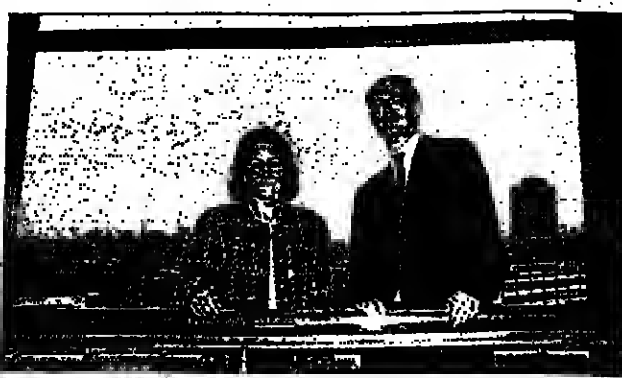
However, last week, my card was "swallowed" by a Barclay's cash machine whilst attempting to change the PIN number. As I was going away urgently on business at the

time the Yarm branch and Stokesley branch, after security checks, were able to deliver my card within 14 hours. Both staff could not have been more co-operative. Yours faithfully,  
A.M. KERR,  
Rook House, Skutumpah,  
Yarm, Cleveland.

## Costly closure

From Mr J. Barton

Sir, I have just closed my current account with the Midland Bank, the net sum of charges to close the account? £48.10. Yours faithfully,  
JAIN BARTON,  
3 The Chase,  
Bromley, Kent.



Relaunch: Framlington's Meehan and Milford

## Framlington buys Health Fund

THE best-performing unit trust over the last three years has changed ownership. The Health Fund, one of the smallest and most specialised unit trusts, was set up in 1987 by a Harley Street doctor for other doctors to invest in.

Since its launch, the £22 million fund has outperformed all others in its sector. At the beginning of 1989, Medical Investments transferred the investment management of the portfolio to Anthony Milford, of Framlington Unit Management. Now Framlington has bought the fund and is relaunching it.

To encourage investment in the fund, which has 350 existing unit holders, Framlington is offering a 1 per cent bonus until November 29. The initial charge is 5.5 per cent and the annual management fee is 1.5 per cent. The fund invests in some large pharmaceutical companies, and also backs small companies with potential for growth. Many are involved in reducing the costs of modern medicine. One company,

called Tokos, installs monitors in the homes of pregnant women, to identify contractions which may lead to a premature birth. Each time it is successful it saves the cost of 12 weeks use of an incubator, which may be \$100,000.

Anthony Milford said: "The Eighties saw an unprecedented rise in the number of healthcare companies listed on the world's stock exchanges. The market is vast. The way things are looking for Nineties should prove to be an even more exciting decade for healthcare investment opportunities."

About 60 per cent of the fund is invested in American companies, adding a currency risk to that of investing in companies involved in research, development and biotechnology. Anne Meehan, managing director of Framlington, said: "The fund could comfortably handle investment of £5 million to £10 million a week. The health care industry in America accounts for \$600 billion a year."

LINDSAY COOK

## Covering for care

MGI Prime Health has joined Commercial Union, Eagle Star and Actina in offering an insurance policy to cover the cost of long-stay care, either at home or in a nursing home.

The company's Home Health Care policy buys up to 21 hours of nursing care a week at home, including help with getting up, getting dressed and bathing as well as shopping, housework and gardening. The policy also covers up to 14 hours of nursing care at home for a maximum of 30 days for people who have just come out of hospital.

An enhanced policy, Home Health Care Plus, covers up to 28 hours of health care at home a week or full-time care in a nursing home, costing either £300 or £400 a week. There is a choice of unlimited care at either of these levels or a limit of £60,000 or £80,000. The cost of a nursing home in the Southeast, the most expensive area, would be roughly £400 a week. The policy also pays for private medical treatment for certain conditions of more than six weeks on the National Health Service. Premiums are lower the younger people are when they

take out the cover. However, the policy has no surrender value. The cost for a 40-year-old taking out the Home Healthcare cover is £21 a month, £17 for a spouse. The cost rises steeply for an applicant of 59, who will pay £41 a month, £33 for the spouse. A 75-year-old applying for cover would have to pay £107 a month, while the spouse would pay £86.

SARA MCCONNELL

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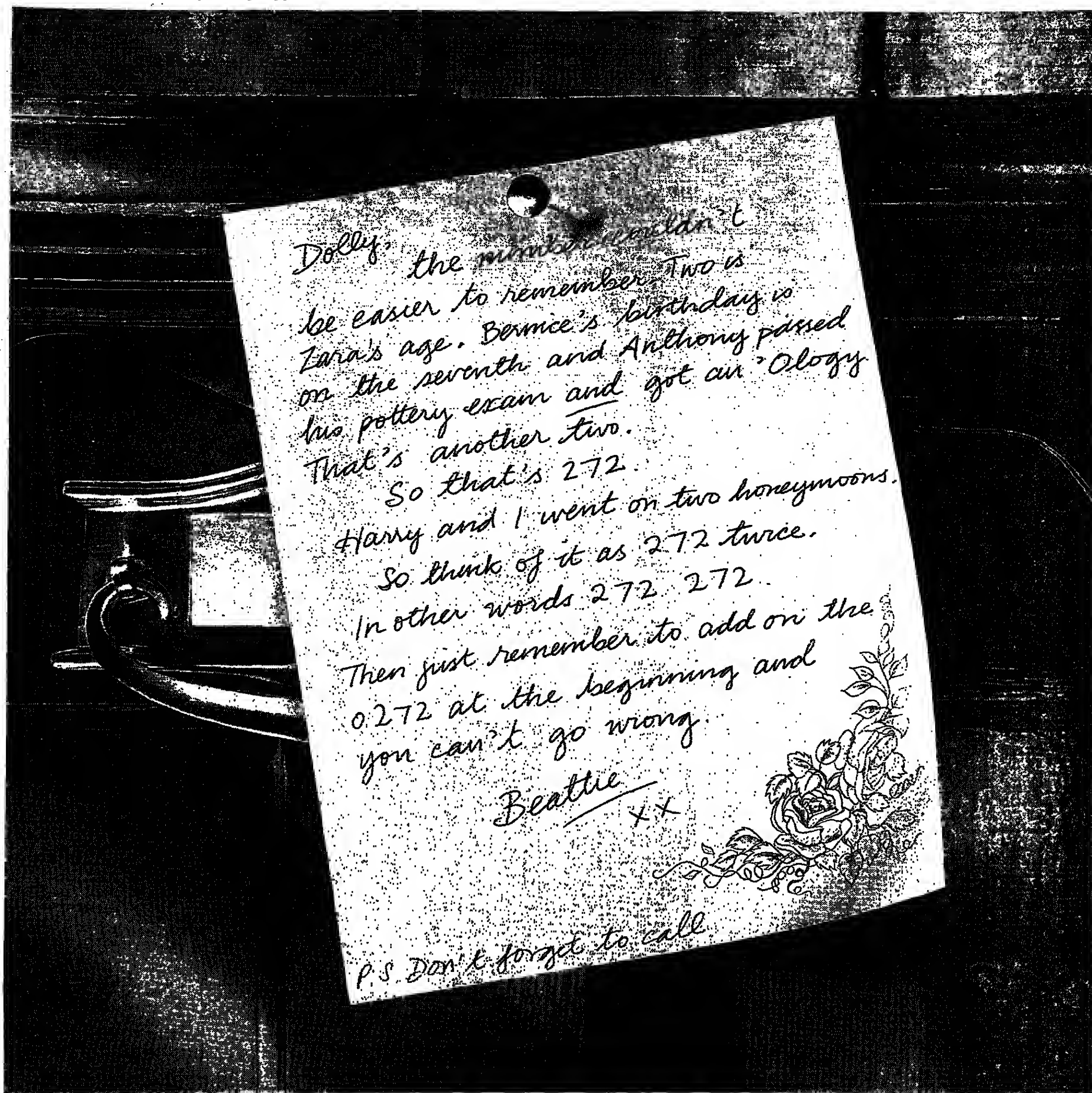
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## MONEY MARKETS

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# Mansell and Senna swap warnings

He said he would not speak to Mansell and Senna about the race tomorrow. "I have no advice to offer these drivers. It would be undignified for me to do so. They are professionals and I, like everyone else, expect them to act that way."

If they do, and the incidents of the past two years are not repeated, the sport may benefit with the championship still alive in Adelaide next month.



The *haka*, they tell me, is "Australians all, let us rejoice as we are young and free/We've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is birth by sea." Go on, be honest! tell me the last time you met an Australian with a can of beer who looked at you and said:

Of the 56 matches to be played tomorrow in the first round of the Hockey Association Cup, that between Jersey and Exeter Crickets at Exeter should engage special interest. Jersey's artificial pitch will be officially opened today.

that touch temporarily failed him as Rogers suffered from thumping defeats. When Northern, themselves disillusioned with failure in cup and league, made their approach to him, there was only one decision he could make. The return of the Canning Fox means that the Yorkshire Cup is now a contest instead of a one-horse race.

David Robinson can now relax and produce his best form in play, and if the Fox magic works, unpredictable and inconsistent Castleford, who have lost three of their six league games this season, will face unexpectedly stiff opposition.

In the Lancashire final at Warrington, St Helens appear to have the trophy sewn up in what is regarded as an even contest with the new champions, Rochdale Hornets. The Saints are having an excellent run in

Clark thinks the World Match Play is "a wonderful event. At the end of every day, you have a black and white situation". He will be there again over the next two days with Alliss, finding if not fetching and bringing the black and white situations of the semi-finals and final to viewers in colour (BBC1, 12.15pm today, 10.30am tomorrow).

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Boston v Wycombe  
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## SPORTS POLITICS

## Yarranton in call for extra funding

By DAVID POWELL

FIGURES which show the government is spending a diminishing amount on sport by comparison with its income from sports-related economic activity drew a stinging response yesterday from Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council.

"It is not sound policy to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs," Yarranton said. He referred to figures produced by the Henley Centre which showed that income in 1990 was £3.45 billion and spending was £394 million.

"Whereas last year we were pointing to government taking £5 from sport for every £1 it spent on sport, the signs are that this widening and this considerable imbalance must be put right," Yarranton said.

He added that sport's 80 per cent growth in consumer expenditure between 1985 and 1990 underlined its importance to the national economy. "The total amount of consumer expenditure on sport-related items in 1990 was £7 billion, excluding gambling," Yarranton said.

He said grant aid from the government had fallen in real terms and local authorities had suffered reductions in their resources. "Revenue expenditure on sport by local government in Great Britain has gone down in real terms by 25 per cent between 1985 and 1990," Yarranton said.

"The extension of charge capping to all districts next April is expected to have serious implications for sport and recreation in view of the discretionary nature of the service. Leisure services committees are

already anticipating the closure of some major facilities."

Speaking at the Sports Council published its annual report, Yarranton expressed concern on a number of issues upon which the Labour leader, Neil Kinnock, and the shadow minister for sport, Denis Howell, had been outspoken the day before, when they party launched its *Charter for Sport* the decline in dual-use facilities, the reluctance to introduce a national lottery, failure to support worthwhile bids for leading international sporting events.

"My Sports Council is becoming increasingly concerned at the potential there might be for a significant reduction in community access to these [dual-use] facilities under the new arrangements for the local management of schools," Yarranton said.

"I find it very difficult to understand the unwillingness to commit to the introduction of a national lottery. Only through such a route can we expect to secure the annual £250 million or so that British sport really needs to meet its minimum requirements."

"I am also determined that in future we must be able to play a more active part in supporting UK sport in bidding for major international events, not least the Olympic Games."

David Pickton, the director general of the Sports Council, noted that its government grant had declined in real terms over the last four years. He said that £6 million on top of any inflation-proof provision would be needed "to carry out the absolute minimum to develop British sport."

## NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## Boston bank on visitors' support

By WALTER GAMMIE

BOSTON UNITED expect their largest crowd of the season at their York Street ground for today's GM Vauxhall Conference match against Wycombe Wanderers, who are travelling support continues to swell after a five-match run of away victories.

York Street, with a capacity of 10,000, is superbly appointed with three recently-built stands and this season Dave Cusack, the player-manager, has spent £38,000 to try to bring the team to a matchless standard. The midfield player, Paul Richardson, signed for £20,000 from Barnet, is, however, doubtful after injuring a knee in the 1-0 win at Macclesfield last week. Chris Swales, an £8,000 signing from Peterborough United, is fit to resume his place in the centre of defence.

Although 12 points behind Wycombe, Boston have two matches in hand over today's visitors and have played three less than Farnborough Town, the leaders.

Farnborough, who travel to Macclesfield today, proved they were not one-week wonders by beating Altrincham 3-0 at Cherrywood Road last Saturday. "We've got to keep the run going," Ted Bates, the manager, said. "Next Saturday we play at Salisbury in the FA Cup, and if we get to the first round we also have a two of

home matches against Yeovil, Colchester, Barrow and Kettering in November that can get a surge of interest going. We cannot afford to switch off."

A reminder of the value of success in an FA Cup run can be found in the continuing advance of Woking, who moved seven points clear in the Division One League by beating Basingstoke 5-0 on Tuesday. Cash from last season's exploits has gone towards covered terracing, improved floodlights, a public address system, seating, a full-time commercial manager, Peter Braund, and £15,000 for the forward, Steve Milton, signed from Fulham.

Milton cracked three goals in the win over Basingstoke, with the other two coming from George Friel, aged 21, who has scored 15 goals this season.

The 3-0 win by Buxton over Leek on Tuesday was their ninth in succession and closed the gap on Gillingham, the leaders, to three points in the Division One League. Buxton have four matches in hand. Goals lost 1-0 at home to Wycombe, ending an eight-match winning run that had been founded on goals by Dale Banton, the former Aldershot and York City player. Bates, a former Aldershot and York City player, said: "We've got to keep the run going."

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## SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

## Charterhouse leave it late against Eton

By GEORGE CHESTERTON

CHARTERHOUSE started well to their 1-1 draw with Eton, yet Eton scored first, thanks to Walsh. But Charterhouse had the better of the second period and Ashby equalised 15 minutes from time.

Shrewsbury missed several early chances in their 2-2 draw at Brentwood, before Cooke put them ahead with a 25-yard drive. Five minutes into the second half, Macmillan equalised.

Brentwood controlled play from then on but Shrewsbury again took the lead when Cooke tapped in from a corner. Five minutes from time, Keane ran in from the left to level.

To a well-contested match at Bradford, Repton went into the lead after five minutes through Cooper. Deacon equalised with a header before half-time but Repton back in front and Biggin made the score 3-1.

Kilnblith returned to winning form with a 2-1 success at Chigwell. Dean went through on his own after 20 minutes to score for Kimbolton. He headed home a second from a far-post cross but Chigwell fought hard and pulled a goal back.

Forest dominated their contest with Highgate winning 5-0. Pratt, Smith and Fortune, who scored for Forest but an own goal midway through the first half seemed to undermine Highgate's confidence.

Winchester won 3-2 when they visited Bedales. Their goals came from Coss and Minford, the latter scoring twice.

## SCHOOLS RUGBY

## Kelly College leave their rivals trailing

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

KELLY College have raced away this winter, winning all of the eight games they have played, with a points tally of 307 scored to 41 conceded. Their most recent win was against Exeter College, a large sixth-form college serving all of Exeter, who they beat 22-9.

The win is remarkable considering that Kelly, the *alma mater* of Adebayo Adedokun, of Bath, has only 250 boys, aged between 11 and 18. Both Jonas Hurst, stand-off half, and Barnaby Durrant, their No. 8, scored two tries against Exeter. Kelly also registered wins against Exeter School (34-6), Queen's, Taunton (49-10), Truro (33-4) and West Beckland (47-3).

Clifton have also started splendidly, winning their first five matches. They put 44 points past their old boys, Taunton School restricted them to a 6-4 victory, but a superb display by the pack earned them a 19-0 victory against Blundell's in atrocious conditions. Downside were defeated 32-3, as were Cheltenham, 22-13.

Another team prospering is OGBS Penarth. Their victory in the first round of the Daily Mail Cup was their fifth successive win. RGS High Wycombe have slipped up just once, losing 23-6 to John Fisher, but have won their other eight matches, scoring 189 points to 55. The 103rd meeting of Monmouth and Christ College, Brecon, saw a convincing victory for Monmouth. They led 21-3 at the interval, and won 37-18.

## Arazi to sample dirt in Breeders' Cup Juvenile after Sheikh Mohammed buys half share

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

DR DEVIOUS, jokingly named after one of Robert Sangster's racing consultants, proved himself a serious contender for next year's Derby after showing supreme courage and determination to win the Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

The race was run in a second time and just when it looked as though Willie Carson and the Peter Chapple-Hyam trained colt would be swallowed up in the final furlong, they found extra reserves of stamina.

Chapple-Hyam, who has taken British racing at the highest level by storm in his first season as a trainer, immediately nominated Epsom as the main target for Dr Devious next summer.

"His main aim would be to win the Derby. He will get the trip without any problem. If he is showing enough early on, the Guinness could be a possibility as well," the Manton trainer said.

"He didn't really like the ground today and prefers a bit more give. We supplemented him for the race because we thought it would rain. He is very tough."

His comments prompted William Hill and Ladbrokes to offer 16-1 against Dr Devious winning the 2,000 Guinea. Rodrigo de Triano, also trained by Chapple-Hyam, is second favourite behind Arazi.

However, the bookmakers had no hesitation in promoting yesterday's winner to Derby favourite. Chapple-Hyam was quick to point out that the last horse to finish runner-up in the Coventry

Stakes at Royal Ascot before going on to win the Dewhurst was Generous.

While he will be hoping that Dr Devious will continue to mirror the performance of this year's Derby hero, Paul Cole and Prince Fahd Salman have every reason to be hopeful of coming out on top with Great Palm, who finished two-and-a-half lengths behind Dr Devious.

The Manila colt was having only the second race of his career and the inexperience showed. He lost his action going into the Dip but the long-striding grey should excel next year when he has filled his ample frame and strengthened up.

Great Palm is regarded at Whatcombs as potentially the most exciting horse Prince Fahd has owned, so the 25-1 offer for the Derby could represent outstanding value.

Ironically, Sangster sold Dr Devious earlier this year for £250,000 to the Italian connections which owned Tony Bin, the 1988 Arc winner.

However, the Isle of Man-based owner was not shedding too many tears last night as he reflected on the wealth of juvenile talent which has restored him to the top bracket of British owners.

Indeed, he can dream of success in each of the classics next spring. Muscavale retained her unbeaten record with a devastating performance in the Rockfells Stakes and is now among the favourites for the 1,000 Guinea.

Pat Eddery, who received a two-day suspension for misuse of the whip on Youssef earlier in the day, hardly had

to move, let alone resort to the "persuader", as the Henry Cecil-trained filly outclassed her five rivals in a fast time.

What makes the victory all the more astonishing is that a twisted gut almost claimed Muscavale's life after she won at Goodwood two months ago. For 48 hours her life was in the balance. "It really was tough and go," Sangster confirmed.

With Rodrigo de Triano also unbeaten after five races, it was no surprise to find Sangster in a confident mood. "That is unprecedented for me in the last five years, although I have not been doing as badly as people say. I am delighted to go into the winter with a filly and colt unbeaten in five races. It will be a pretty sleepless winter."

Alan Munro's career has taken off since he became Prince Fahd's retained jockey and yesterday he reached a new milestone when Petite-D'Argent became his 100th winner of the season.

Sheikh Mohammed will not look back upon 1991 as a vintage year, but he is wielding the cheque book in determined style to try and ensure 1992 is more successful.

He has paid an estimated \$5 million for a 50 per cent share in Arazi, arguably Europe's top two-year-old. The Francois Bourin-trained colt will run on dirt in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile carrying the colours of Allen Paulson but will carry the sheikh's colours in Europe next year.

Pat Valenzuela rides Arazi at Churchill Downs but Steve Cautchen, Sheikh Mohammed's retained jockey, will partner the colt in Europe next season.



Dr Devious strides clear of third-placed Thowros to land the Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Great Palm finished second.

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2-121 O'REILLY 22/1 (J.F.S.) S. Miller 5-10  
3-104 DR ROCKET 10/1 (J.F.S.) D. Dicks 5-10  
4-412 TRIBUTE TO YOUTH 17/1 (J.F.S.) D. Dicks 5-10  
5-225 WILL'S BOUNTY 16 (J.F.S.) J. Coleman 5-10  
6-55 JINKY JACK 3-1 (Tribute to Youth 4-1, O'Reilly 5-1, Dr Rocket 12-1, Will's Bounty 12-1)

## 3.20 RUTLEY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

CLAIMING HURDLE (21,716: 2m) (6) (9)  
1-321 NORDIC DELIGHT 12 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
2-212 BERRYMAN PRINCE 22/1 M. Phipps 4-10  
3-00-P FERRYSTREAM 11 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
4-500 CAMBRIDGE QUEEN 14 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
5-100 CALDERUP LAD 7/10 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
6-50-0 ROSSCHAMPEL 14/1 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
7-100 CHAMBERLAIN 48 (J.F.S.) D. Dicks 6-10  
8-50-0 ISABEAU 7/10 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
9-50-0 MISS MORGAN 10 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
10-100 HURDLE 10 (J.F.S.) M. Phipps 4-10  
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## 3.50 FAULTON HANDICAP CHASE

(2,246: 2m) (8) (8)  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
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8-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10

## 4.20 CLAREFOUNTE TROPHY

(Noves chase) (2,940: 3m) (9)  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
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8-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
9-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10

## 4.50 JOHN H KENNY MEMORIAL CUP

(Handicap hurdle) (2,372: 2m) (8)  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
2-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
3-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
4-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
5-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
6-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
7-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
8-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
9-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10

## 5.20 EDGEMILL NOVICES HURDLE

(21,643: 2m) (7)  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
2-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
3-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
4-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
5-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
6-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
7-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10

## COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G. Richards, 9 winners from 19 runners, 47.4%  
J. Phipps, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%  
D. Dicks, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%  
M. Phipps, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%  
T. Tinker, 5 winners from 19 runners, 26.3%  
S. Miller, 4 winners from 19 runners, 21.1%  
J. Coleman, 3 winners from 19 runners, 15.8%  
J. McCarty, 2 winners from 19 runners, 10.5%  
H. Mearns, 1 winner from 19 runners, 5.3%

## Newmarket

Going: good  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
2-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
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## MANDARIN

2.00 Tate Dancer, 2.30 Silca-Cia, 3.00 The Devil's Music, 3.35 Shati, 4.10 Counting Neco, 4.40 Do The Right Thing, 5.10 Dally Dancer, 5.40 Zahr.

## THUNDERER

2.00 Tate Dancer, 2.30 Silca-Cia, 3.00 Stubby, 3.35 Shati, 4.10 Roxy Music, 4.40 Sarawit, 5.10 Dally Dancer, 5.40 Sbe's The Tops.

## GOING: GOOD

## DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST.

## 2.00 EBF NORTH RIDING MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: 2,400: 5f) (11 runners)  
1-222 ADELPHI LYNN 11 (J.F.S.) N. Tinker 5-10  
2-441 CHICAGO'S BEST 11 (J.F.S.) P. Burgess 4-10  
3-104 RUSLAN 7/10 (J.F.S.) J. McCarty 7-10  
4-624 THOROS 14/1 (J.F.S.) J. McCarty 7-10  
5-214 LADY PRINCE 7/10 (J.F.S.) J. McCarty 7-10  
6-200 TAT DANCER 14/1 (J.F.S.) J. McCarty 7-10  
7-214 BOUNCER'S CHARIOT 11 (J.F.S.) H. Mearns 4-10

## 2.30 EBF NORTH RIDING MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: 2,400: 5f) (10)  
1-222 ADELPHI LYNN 11 (J.F.S.) N. Tinker 5-10  
2-441 CHICAGO'S BEST 11 (J.F.S.) P. Burgess 4-10  
3-104 RUSLAN 7/10 (J.F.S.) J. McCarty 7-10  
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7-214 BOUNCER'S CHARIOT 11 (J.F.S.) H. Mearns 4-10

## 3.00 NORTHERN ECHO HANDICAP

(2,000: 1m) (7) (20)  
1-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
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6-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10  
7-112 ANDROMED 22/1 (J.F.S.) T. Tinker 5-10

## 3.35 EVENING GAZETTE STAKES

(2-Y-O: 2,444: 5f 212y) (2)  
1-222 ADELPHI LYNN 11 (J.F.S.) N. Tinker 5-10  
2-441 CHICAGO'S BEST 11 (J.F.S.) P. Burgess 4-10

## MANDARIN

2.00 Tate Dancer, 2.30 Silca-Cia, 3.00 The Devil's Music, 3.35 Shati, 4.10 Counting Neco, 4.40 Do The Right Thing, 5.10 Dally Dancer, 5.40 Zahr.

## THUNDERER

2.00 Tate Dancer, 2.30 Silca-Cia, 3.00 Stubby, 3.35 Shati, 4.10 Roxy Music, 4.40 Sarawit, 5.10 Dally Dancer, 5.40 Sbe's The Tops.

## GOING: GOOD

## DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST.

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# In The Groove to maintain fillies' grip on Champion

TWELVE months ago, a run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe did not prevent In The Groove from winning the Dubai Champion Stakes 13 days later. It may not do so again at Newmarket today.

If she does succeed, David Elsworth's four-year-old will not only emulate Triph, the last filly to win it twice, but become the thirteenth member of her sex to win the race in the last 20 years.

In The Groove enters the fray today having run much better at Longchamp this year than she did last. On that occasion she finished ninth, this time she was sixth.

With the notable exception of Suave Dancer, she was going as well as any at today's shorter distance and she can win again now that she reverts to 10 furlongs.

Ristina, the other filly in the field, was an impressive winner of the Sun Chariot Stakes over today's course and distance a fortnight ago after being beaten easily by Desert Sun at Doncaster before that.

Explaining yesterday, John Gosden told me that, as a result of two bad races first time out, Ristina had become a worrier.

At Doncaster she fretted and sweated away her race. On her home course, though, she was calm and cool before and during the race and that enabled her to reveal her true potential. So Gosden's advice is to see how she

No matter how he fares on Ristina, Lester Piggott should win the Tote Casewitch again, this time on Tamarpour.

Those who can recall Lester winning this stamina test on Major Rose (1968), John Cherry (1976) and Popsa's Joy (1980) will know that Martin Pipe has entrusted the task of leading a sustained ante-post gamble to a safe pair of hands.

Tamarpour has been tested and then trained especially with today's race in mind since winning the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle at the end of June. By all accounts, this preparation has gone like clockwork, so much so that connections are positively exuding confidence.

Star Player, who won the Chester Cup and started favourite for the Plate, is another who has been trained especially with today in mind. He won his preparatory race at Kempton, even though the distance was basically short of his ideal, and I expect him to prove the principal danger to my nap.

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.55 Swordstick.	1.55 Pelorus.	1.55 Swordstick.
2.35 In The Groove.	2.35 IN THE GROOVE	2.35 Young Buster.
3.05 Shualan.	(nap).	3.45 FARSIS (nap).
3.45 TAMARPOUR	3.05 Hamanaka.	
(nap).	3.45 Muse.	
4.20 Fairful.	4.20 Arturian.	
4.50 Snadde.	4.50 Purplet.	
5.25 Full Cry.	5.25 Full Cry.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Ristina. 4.50 FURAJET (nap).

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Replaced number. Draw in brackets. Signify time (F=1st, F=2nd, F=3rd) U=unplaced rider D=disqualified. Horse's name. Days since last starting: J=jump, F=flat, G=blinders W=wear, H=hand, E=exalted, C=course winner, D=distance winner, CD=course and distance winner. BF=beaten (fourth last time). Going on which horse was placed: G=good, S=speedy, F=fast, U=unplaced S=soft, good to soft, heavy. Owner brackets. Trainer, Age and weight. Price plus any allowance. The Times Price Handicap's rating.						











